Town of Brimfield

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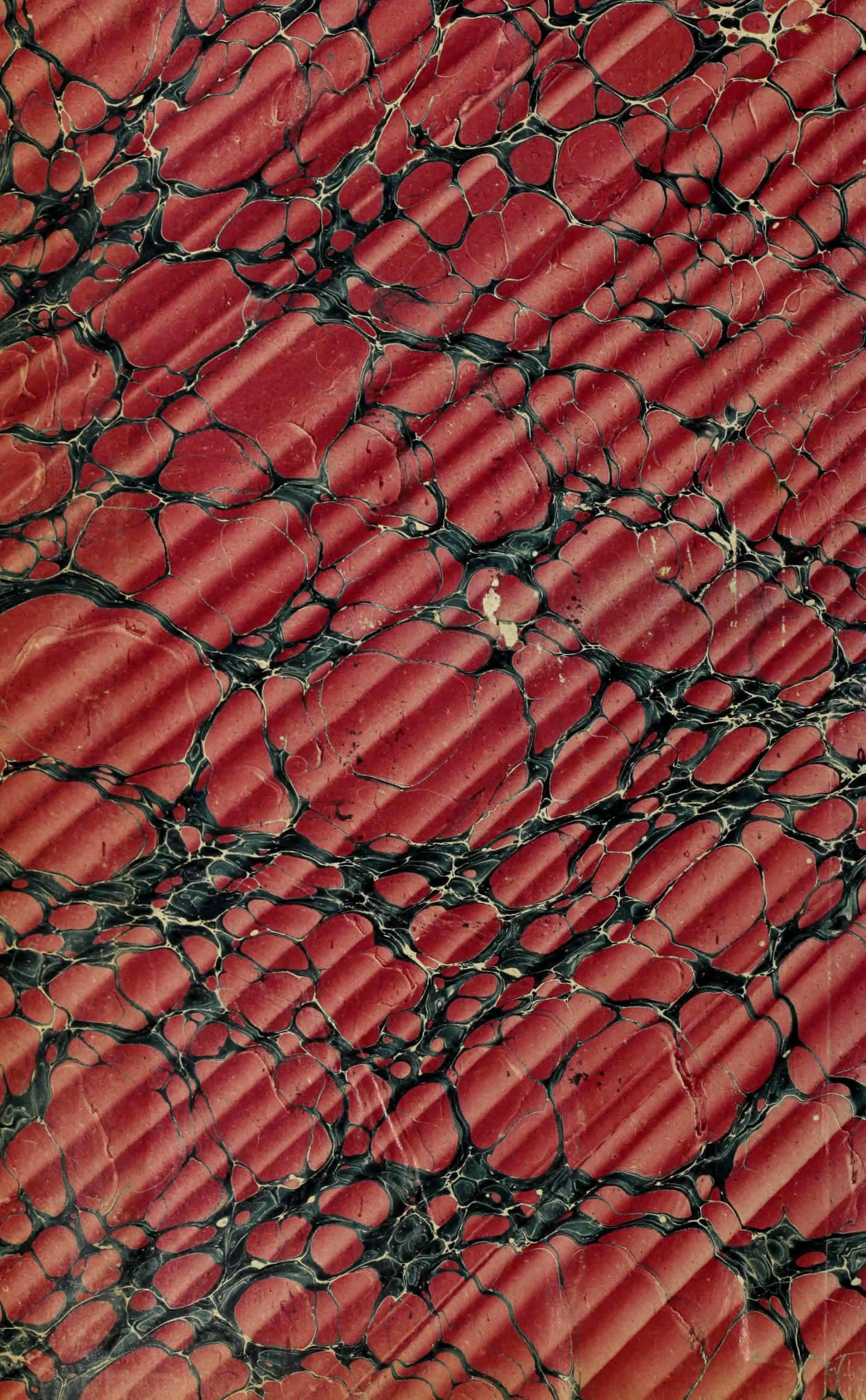

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Warrant for Parish Meeting April 21, 1879

Hampden ss

To William H. Sherman, Collector of the First Parish, or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in Brimfield

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the members of said Parish qualified to vote in Parish affairs to meet at the Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the twenty first day of April instant it being the third monday of said month at one o clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles viz;

First — To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Second — To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing, and any agents or committees the business of the Parish may require —

Third — To hear the report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer and any agents and committees heretofore chosen and act thereon —

Fourth — To see what sums of money the Parish will raise and appropriate for the support of the Pulpit, support of Singing, and other expenses of the Parish, and determine what part of the same shall be assessed upon the Pews, and what part raised by tax or otherwise —

Fifth — To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts, and the current expenses of the Society

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting-house seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of said meeting —

Given under our hands this twelfth day of April A. D. 1879

Newton S. Hubbard
Henry F. Brown } Prudential Committee
P. F. Spaulding

Brimfield April 21. 1879
I have served this warrant by posting an attested as herein directed
Wm H. Sherman, Collector

A true copy of the warrant & Collector's return
Attest, Henry F. Brown, Parish Clerk

Parish Meeting April 21, 1879

Edward Bliss, the Parish Clerk having resigned his office, the meeting was called to order by Newton S. Hubbard, chairman of the Prudential Committee after the reading of the warrant

Moderator — The votes were received for Moderator, whole number of votes six, Newton S. Hubbard had five votes and was declared elected,

Parish Clerk — The votes were then received for Parish Clerk, whole number of votes, eight, Minor H. Corbin had five and was declared elected - but declining to serve he was excused, and the votes were again received for Parish Clerk whole number of votes seven. Henry F. Brown had four and was declared elected, and sworn by the Moderator -

Admission of Members — The Prudential Committee presented the application of John H. Hubbard and David W. James to become members of the Parish, and it was voted to admit them as members of the Parish

Prudential Committee — The votes were then received for one Prudential Committee whole number of votes five, Newton S. Hubbard had four votes and was declared Elected -

Prudential Committee — The votes were then received for another Prudential Committee whole number of votes six, Henry F. Brown had that number and was declared Elected -

Prudential Committee — The votes were then received for the third Prudential Committee whole number of votes seven, all for Pliny F. Spaulding and he was declared Elected -

Treasurer — The votes were then received for Parish Treasurer, whole number of votes, six all for Henry F. Brown and he was declared elected -

Collector — The votes were then received for Collector, whole number of votes seven Wm. H. Sherman, had that number and was declared elected

Voted — That when this meeting adjourn, it adjourn to meet May 3d, at one o'clock P.M. -

Voted — That an invitation be extended to the Church connected with the Parish to choose a Committee to co-operate with the Parish Committee in supply of the Pulpit and other matters of interest to the Parish and Church -

Voted — To adjourn; and the meeting was adjourned

Warrant for Parish Meeting May 3. 1879

Hampden ss

To William H. Shurman, Collector of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in Brimfield

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the members of said Parish qualified to vote in Parish affairs to meet at the Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Saturday the third day of May next at one o. clock P. M then and there to act on the following articles viz;

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting –

Second To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting-house, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting –

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of said meeting –

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of April A.D. 1879

Newton S. Hubbard }
Henry F. Brown } Prudential
P. F. Spaulding } Committee

May 3, 1879

I have served this warrant as herein directed

Wm H. Shurman
Collector

Parish Meeting May 3, 1879

The members of the Parish met in obedience to the foregoing warrant and were called to order by Henry F. Brown, Clerk, after the reading of the warrant, the votes were received for a Moderator, whole number of votes six, Newton S. Hubbard had five votes and was elected, and accepted the office –

Report of Prudential Committee The Prudential Committee reported that they had received applications from Charles A. Horner, Charles W. Foskett, Jonathan Emerson, Samuel H. Brown and Elisha C. Marsh, to become members of the Parish and the same were presented and read –

Voted That Charles A. Homer, Charles W. Foskett, Jonathan Emerson, Samuel H. Brown and Elisha C. Marsh be admitted members of the Parish.

Voted That this meeting be dissolved and it was so done

A true copy of the warrant and record of the proceedings under the same

Attest

Henry F. Brown
Parish Clerk

Adjourned Parish Meeting May 3. 1879

The Members of the Parish met pursuant to adjournment, when on motion made and voted the meeting was adjourned for fifteen minutes for the purpose of acting on another warrant, and after so doing

Voted That the Income of the Hitchcock Ministerial Fund be appropriated towards defraying the expense of supplying the Pulpit.

Henry F. Brown offered the following;

Whereas;

The results of experience shows that the rental of Slips cannot be relied upon to defray the necessary expenses of the Parish.

And whereas it is desirable that our expenses should not exceed our assured income therefore.

Voted That a committee of three be chosen to solicit such further sums as may be necessary to supply the Desk, and the other necessary expenses of the Parish.

Voted That the sum of Fourteen Hundred dollars be assessed upon the Slips, and that the right of choosing said Slips at the Appraisal be offered at Auction on Saturday May 10th at One and a half o. clock P. M.

Voted That in the renting of the Slips it is understood and agreed that whoever subscribes money to the committee as above, that the amount so subscribed and paid shall be towards the amount bid for a slip, the excess of subscription if any to be paid to the Treasurer.

After the reading and discussion of the foregoing it was voted to adopt the same —

Voted To choose a committee of three to solicit subscriptions for the payment of Parish debts, and Minor H. Corbin, James S. Blair, and Newton S. Hubbard were chosen —

And the same persons were chosen a committee to secure subscriptions to defray the expenses for the current year —

Henry F. Brown, resigned the office of Parish Clerk, and his resignation was accepted —

The votes were then received for Parish Clerk, whole number of votes ten. Charles A. Homer had that number and was declared elected —

Voted To adjourn to Saturday May 10th to meet at one and a half o. clock P.M. and the meeting was so adjourned —

Attest — Henry F. Brown
Parish Clerk

Adjourned Meeting May 10th 1879

The Parish met pursuant to adjournment. Charles A. Homer, the Clerk being absent Henry F. Brown was chosen Clerk Protem and sworn by Newton S. Hubbard the moderator.

Voted That when this meeting adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Saturday May 24th at 1½ o. clock P.M.

The committee chosen to secure subscriptions for the payment of Parish debts reported that they had secured the required amount and their report was accepted

Voted To choose a committee of three to investigate the matter of a change of Hymn book, also the propriety of furnishing each slip with a Hymn book — and Wm H. Sherman, James T. Brown and Minor H. Corbin were chosen said committee —

The meeting then adjourned to the upper room for the sale of Slips, after which the meeting was adjourned to May 24th to meet at 1½ o. clock P.M —

Recorded by Henry F. Brown
Parish Clerk, Protem

At the forgoing meeting held May 10th 1879 it was.

Voted That all slips remaining unsold after the Auction, shall be rented, or sittings assigned by the Prudential committee upon such terms as they judge to secure the attendance of people upon the services of the Church –

Attest

Henry F. Brown
Parish Clerk. Protem

The Parish met according to adjournment May 24. 1879 Meeting called to order by the Clerk The Moderator Newton S Hubbard being absent Henry F Brown was Chosen Moderator Pro Tem

Mr J I Brown made a report on behalf of Committee on Hymn Books The committee were instructed to make further investigation and to report at a future meeting

Voted That the Committee on Council prepare a Statement to be entered on the records in connexion with the report of the doings of the Council called to dismiss Rev W K Pierce submitted to this meeting

Voted On motion of Wm H Sherman that the Parish Committee be instructed to present the thanks of the Parish to the Person or Persons outside of the Parish for their generous Donations during the past year

Voted To Adjourn the meeting to June 14th 1879 at One & one half O clock P.M.

[illegible] pursuant to adjournment June 14. [illegible] business transacted, and meeting disolved

Recorded By
Charles A Homer
Parish Clerk

Warrent for Parish Meeting Nov 15. 1879

Hamden SS.

To Wm. H Sherman Collector of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the members of said Parish qualified to vote in Parish affairs to meet at the Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Saturday the fifteenth day of November Instant at one o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following articles Viz

First To Choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To see if the Parish will join with the Church in extending an invitation to The Rev. Doane R Atkins to become their Pastor

And if so to pass all votes and orders and choose Committies and Agents nesesary to carry the same into effect

Third To hear and act upon the report of any Committies heretofore chosen And choose any Committies or Agents the business of the Parish may require

And you are directed to serve this warrent by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting House seven days at least befor the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrent with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of said meeting

Given under our hands this eighth day of November A.D. 1879

Newton S Hubbard
Henry F Brown } Prudential
P F Spaulding } Committee

Hampden SS. Brimfield Nov. 10. 1879 I have served the foregoing warrent as therein directed William H Sherman Collector

Parish Meeting Nov. 15. 1879

The meeting was called to order by Charles A Hosmer the Parish Clerk Deacon James S Blair was chosen Moderator

Moderator

Votes of the Church

At a meeting of the Congregational Church in Brimfield held Nov. 1. 1879 It was voted That the Rev. Doane R Atkins be invited to become Pastor of this Church
Voted. That a committee of three be chosen to inform the Parish of the action of the Church and request them to take action in the premises
Voted That Deacon James S Blair Bros William H Sherman and David W Jones be that Committee

Edward B Brown
Church Clerk

Brimfield Nov 1. 1879

Preamble and Votes adopted by the Meeting

The following Preamble and votes were adopted
Viz Whereas the Church connected with this Parish have voted to invite the Rev Doane R Atkins to become Pastor of the Church Also have requested the Parish to take action in the premises.
And, whereas, we believe it to be desirable and for the best interests of the Church and Parish that we have a Pastor resident with us. And believing from what we have seen and heard of Rev Doane R Atkins that the best interests of the Church and Parish will be subserved by securing him as Pastor, Therefore, Voted.

Concurring with the Church in extending an invitation to Rev Doane R Atkins to become our Pastor Also

Voted

That we offer Rev Doane R Atkins an annual Salary of Nine Hundred Dollars Payable in equal Quarterly payments with the privilege of being absent Two Sabbaths each year
Provided that the connection may be dissolved by either party by giving three months notice to that effect

Voted, That the Parish Committee be authorized to act with the committee of the Church in extending the above invitation to Rev Doane R Atkins

Voted That when this meeting adjourns that it adjourn to Saturday Nov 22 at half past one o'clock

After hearing the report of J T Brown for the committee on Hymn Books it was
Voted To take up the subject at the adjourned meeting

On motion of Dea N S Hubbard it was
Voted, To adjourn

Recorded By Charles A Homer
Parish Clerk

Adjourned Parish Meeting Nov 22. 1879
The members of the Parish met pursuant to adjournment Deacon James S Blair in the chair After the reading of the record of the last meeting The following was submitted by Henry F Brown

The committe of the Parish chosen to unite with the committe of the Church in extending to Rev D R Atkins the invitation of the Church and Parish to become their Pastor Submit the following

Brimfield Nov 18. 1879

Rev Doane R Atkins

Dr Sir

The Congregational Church in Brimfield at a meeting held on Saturday the first day of November AD 1879 voted to extend to you an invitation to become their Pastor in the Gospel ministry also voted to invite the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious worship in Brimfield to take action in the premises. At a meeting of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious worship in Brimfield held on Saturday Nov 15 AD 1879 It was voted to unite with the Church in the above invitation

Also to offer you an Annual Salary of Nine Hundred dollars payable in equal quarterly payments with the privilege of being absent two sabbaths each year provided that the connexion may be terminated by either party by giving three months notice to that effect

Acting as the duly authorized Agents of the aforesaid Church and Parish we herewith submit copies of the votes of the Church and Parish and most cordially extend to you their invitation to become the Pastor of this Church and Parish. In so doing allow us to express the hope that you may find it consistent with your views and duty to accept this invitation and that the same may be productive of good to all who may enjoy your ministrations

Respectfully Yours

Newton S Hubbard Henry F Brown P F Spaulding	Committee of The Parish	James S Blair Wm H Sherman	Committee of The Church

To James S Blair and Wm H Sherman Committee of the Congregational Church in Brimfield Mass.
And to
Newton S Hubbard, Henry F Brown and P F Spaulding Committee of the First Parish in Brimfield Mass.

Gentlemen

The paper put into my hands by you on Thursday Nov 20. 1879 has been considered.

I beg leave to communicate to you and through you to the bodies that you represent the following reply

Allow me first of all to express my pleasure that the Church and Society, whom you represent have taken the the formal action mentioned in your communications. And as this vote invites me to become your Pastor I ask you to accept my sincere thanks

It is according to my convictions of what is a wise course to pursue that the people take some action themselves in regard to having a minister who shall labor among them and with them. For while it may not be evident that to immediately install a Pastor is the judicious course to take, It is manifestly better for the interested to express their united wish to have a Pastor rather than that he is invited by the people to remain with them permanently rather than that he is hired by the business committee of the Parish to supply the church for a year.

That you invite me to become your Pastor I consider complimentary to myself and you may be assured that I appreciate the kindness and the honor.

I am glad to recieve such a token of confidence from a people that I have already learned to respect and to love and I accept the invitation in the hope and belief that our relations to each other will prove to be mutually happy and our united labors prove to be the means of promoting the moral and spiritual welfare of the whole community

I have no conditions to propose in accepting your invitation: but I ask leave to submit a well intended proposition

I shall ask you to pay me a Salary of one thousand dollars a year beginning with the first of January 1880 I offer this as a suggestion of my wish. I do not make it a condition of my acceptance. For in the first place I am not willing to even appear to take any apparent advantage that I may have the lawful power to I shall pay on my salary. I have no such intention nor desire. In the second place I prefer to leave the matter of paying a thousand dollars a year more than is raised by the society to the intelligent and conscientious judgement of the men whom I am addressing. Let me say further however that if in the course of twelve months from this date the trial of paying a salary

of one thousand dollars feeling that that sum is to large an amount for the people to pay their minister I shall be ready to receive a proposition for some modification that shall be acceptable to both parties

I also suggest that the pecuniary compensation for my services from the twelfth of September 1879 till the first of January 1880 be at the rate of nine hundred dollars a year

With sincere gratitude for all the courtesy and kindness that you have shown me

I am fraternally Yours
Doane Rich Atkins

And may God approve our action and grant us his continued blessing

Brimfield Mass.
November 22. 1879

Voted on motion James T Brown that the Report of the Committee be accepted

Voted on motion of L A Butler
That in response to the suggestions contained in the Rev Doane R Atkins letter of acceptance in addition to salary, he be given an annual salary of one thousand Dollars from the first day of January 1880

The Committee on Hymn Books made a report recomending a change in Hymn Books and the adoption of Spiritual Songs by Dr Robinson also that if the change is made each slip be furnished with one copy in addition to one copy for the Desk and those required for the use of the Singers

Voted That it is expediant to make the change of Hymn Books and furnish the Desk, Singers and Each Slip as proposed Provided sufficient means can be secured to defray the expense thereof

Voted That the matter be recommitted to the same Committee to see if the means necessary can be secured. Voted. To adjourn to Saturday Jan 3rd 1880 at 1½ O'clock PM

Charles A Homer Parish Clerk

Adjourned Parish Meeting Jan. 3rd. 1880

The members of the Parish met pursuant to adjournment Deacon James Blair in the Chair.

After the reading of the record of the last meeting and the following Vote passed at the Annual meeting of the Church held Jan. 1. 1880

Voted That it is the sense of this meeting that it is desirable to take steps to procure new Hymn Books different from those now in use.

The following vote was passed by the Parish on motion of Henry F Brown

Voted That the Committee on Hymn Books be authorized when they shall have secured Seventy five percent of the money required to make the change to purchase new Books

On motion Henry F Brown

Voted That the meeting be dissolved

Recorded By Chas A Homer Parish Clerk

Warrant for Parish Meeting April 19. 1880

Hampden SS

To William H Sherman. Collector of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in Brimfield

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the members of said Parish qualified to vote in Parish Affairs to meet at the Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the nineteenth day of April instant at one o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles.

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

Second To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing and any Agents or Committees the business of the Parish may require

Third To hear the report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer and any Agents or Committees heretofore chosen and act thereon

Fourth To see what sums of money the Parish will appropriate for the supply of the Pulpit Support of the Singing, and other Expenses of the Parish and determine what part of the the same shall be assessed on the Slips and what part raised by tax or otherwise

Fifth To see if will alter the rules or amend the same for admission of Members of the Parish.

Sixth To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment debts and the current expenses of the Parish

Seventh To see if the Parish will change the time of holding the annual Meeting

And you are directed to serve this Warrent by posting an attested Copy of the same at the Meeting House seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrent with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of said Meeting

Given under our hands this tenth day of April in the year A.D. 1880

Newton S Hubbard
Henry F Brown } Prudential Committee

Hampden SS

April 17. 1880

I have served the foregoing warrent as therein directed

Wm. H Sherman

Annual Meeting of the Parish April 19. 1880

The meeting was called to order by the Parish Clerk Charles A Homer

After the reading of the Warrent

Moderator the votes were recieved for a Moderator Whole number of votes nine Newton S Hubbard had Eight votes and was elected and accepted the office

Parish Clerk The votes were then recieved for Parish Clerk Whole number of votes Nine Charles A Homer recieved eight and was elected

Prudential Committee — The Votes were recieved for one Prudential Committe Whole number of votes nine Newton S Hubbard recieved Eight and was declared Elected

Prudential Committee — The Votes were recieved for a second Prudential Committe Henry F Brown recieved Ten of the whole number of the votes cast and was declared Elected.

Prudential Committe — The votes were recieved for a third Prudential Committe Whole number of Votes cast Eleven Pliny F Spaulding recieved Eleven votes and was declared Elected

Parish Treasurer — The Votes were recieved for Parish Treasurer Whole number of votes cast Ten Henry F Brown recieved Ten and was declared elected

Parish Collector — The Votes were recieved for Parish Collector Whole number of votes cast Eleven Wm H Sherman recieved Ten votes and was declared Elected

Parish Assessors — Voted to pass over the Election of Parishe assessors

Voted

Appropriation for Lining of Pulpit — On motion of Henry F Brown to appropriate One Hundred Dollars to line the Pulpit for the present year

Voted

Time of Adjournment — On Motion of Henry F Brown that when this meeting adjourns it adjourn to meet on Saturday May 1st 1880 at One O'clock P.M.

Voted

Committe on Subscription — On Motion of Deacon Dauphin Brown that Miner H Corbin, Deac N S Hubbard and Dea J. S. Blair be a committe to obtain subscriptions to defray the expenses of the Parish

Admission of new members.

Voted

On Motion of Elisha Corbin that it shall require a two thirds vote of the members of the Parish to admit new members

Treasurer to Borrow money

Voted

That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money to pay the current expenses of the Parish

Rental of Slips

Voted

That the rental of the Slips be left to the Prudential Committe

Voted

On motion of J. J. Brown to adjourn

Adjourned Parish Meeting May 1st 1880

Parish met according to adjournment and were called to order by the Moderator Dea N. S Hubbard

Voted

To adjourn to the upper room after which the Treasurer Henry F Brown read his report which on a motion it was

Treasurers Report

Voted to refer to the the Prudential Committee and if found correct to be recorded

Rental of Slips

After which The Slips were rented for the coming year

Changing time of annual Meeting

It was moved by J J Brown that the time of holding the annual meeting be changed from the third monday in April to the third monday in February which on a vote taken was not carried

On Motion of Henry F Brown it was voted to dissolve the meeting

Recorded By Chas A Frost, Parish Clerk

Warrant for Parish Meeting June 26, 1880

Hampden ss

To Charles A. Homer Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious Worship in Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the members of said Parish, to meet at the Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Saturday the twenty sixth day of June at three and a half o. clock P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles viz:

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

Second To see if the Parish will alter and repair the Meeting-house and if so, pass all votes, and choose all committees necessary to carry the same into effect —

Third To hear and act upon the report of the Prudential Committee, or any other committee heretofore chosen, and act upon the same, and choose any committee or agents the business of the Parish may require —

And you are directed to serve this this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting house seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of June A. D. 1880

Newton S. Hubbard } Prudential
Henry F. Brown } Committee
P. F. Spaulding }

Hampden ss June 19, 1880

This certifies that I have served the foregoing warrant as therein directed

Chas A. Homer
Parish Clerk

A true copy of the warrant and Clerks return thereon
Attest

Parish Meeting June 26. 1880

The members of the Parish assembled in response to the foregoing warrant, Charles A. Horner, Parish Clerk being absent the meeting was called to order by Henry F. Brown one of the Prudential Committee after the reading of the warrant, Milner H. Corbin was chosen Parish Clerk, Protem and he was duly sworn by Henry F. Brown, Justice of the Peace —

Newton S. Hubbard was chosen Moderator —

Henry F. Brown informed the Parish that the Prudential Committee had received from James M. Ormes a communication, which was read as follows

New York June 22, 1880

To the Church and Parish
Of the Congregational Society, Brimfield Mass
Greeting

I herewith tender to your Church and Society the Gift of a pulpit and fixtures together with a platform and carpet to cover the same at my cost and expense, provided the platform and pulpit be constructed upon the plan and design described by me to Mr Hubbard and Mr Brown and of which they have drawings

I make this gift in the name and memory of my sainted mother who, many years ago first learned to love and trust the Saviour within the wall of the old Brimfield Church under the teachings of the late Dr Baill —

Wishing you Grace, Mercy and Peace

I am

Your affectionate Brother
James M. Ormes

Voted To accept of the donation as proposed by James M. Ormes and that the Prudential Committee be directed to express to him in proper form our gratitude and appreciation of his generous offer —

Voted That the Prudential Committee be authorized to make the alterations named by Mr Ormes in accordance with plans prepared for the same by J. M. Currier, Architect, with liberty to make such alterations thereof as may be found necessary not to materially change the same —

The Prudential Committee reported that they had received intimations that other donations might be made for the benefit of the Parish. and it was

Voted That the Prudential Committee be authorised to accept and make due acknowledgment for any donation made to them for the benefit of the Parish

A true record

Attest Miner H. Carbin.
Clerk Protem.

Warrant for Parish Meeting April 18. 1881

Hampden S.S.

To Wm H Sherman Collector of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Bainfield

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the members of said Parish to meet at the Parish Hall in said Bainfield on Monday the 18th day of April instant at One o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz.

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the year ensuing and any Agents or Committees the business of the Parish may require

Third To hear the report of the Prudential Committee Treasurer and Agents or Committees heretofore chosen and act thereon

Fourth. To see what sums of money the Parish will raise and appropriate for the supply of the Pulpit, Support of Singing and other expenses of the Parish and determine what part of the same shall be assessed upon the Polls and what part be raised raised by tax or otherwise

Fifth. To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current expenses

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting House seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting

Given under our hands this eighth day of April A D 188.

Newton S Hubbard
Henry F Brown
} Prudential Committee

Hampden SS April 18. 1881

This certifies that I have served the foregoing warrant as therein directed

William H Sherman

Annual Parish Meeting April 18. 1881

The Meeting was called by the Parish Clerk after the reading of the warrant the votes were recieved for Moderator
Whole number of votes recieved eight
Moderator Newton S Hubbard had seven and was elected and accepted the office

Parish Clerk The votes were then recieved for Parish Clerk Whole number of votes Eight. Charles A Homer had seven and was elected

Prudential Committee The votes were recieved for one Prudential Committe Whole number of votes eight Newton S Hubbard recieved seven and was elected

The votes were recieved for a Second Prudential Committe Whole number of votes seven Henry F Brown had six and was elected

The votes were recieved for a third Prudential Committe whole no. of votes ten William H Sherman had seven and was elected

Treasurer The votes were recieved for Parish Treasurer Whole number of votes Eight
Henry F Brown had eight and was elected

Collector The votes were recieved for Collector whole number of votes eight
William H Sherman had eight and was elected

Assessors The votes were recieved for Assessors Newton S Hubbard Wm H Sherman and Minor H Corbin were elected

Committe to Solicit funds Minor H Corbin. Newton S Hubbard and James S Blair were Chosen a Committe to solicit funds

Voted

To add the Prudential Committe to the committe to solicit funds. Voted, that the rental of the slips be left to the Prudential Committe.
Voted. to adjourn to Saturday April 30. 1881 at One Oclock P.M.

Recorded By Chas A Homer. Parish Clerk

Parish meeting April 30. 1881

Parish met pursuant to adjournment meeting called to order Charles A Homer Clerk of the Parish Wm H Sherman was chosen Moderator

Voted on motion of Henry H Brown that the same amount be put on the slips as last year

Voted To adjourn to May 9th. at One o'clock P.M.

Adjourned Parish Meeting May 9th. 1881

Parish met pursuant to adjournment Wm H Sherman Moderator in the Chair

Henry H Brown treasurer of the parish made his report which the Parish Voted to accept

Voted That the treasurer be authorized to borrow money to pay the current expenses of the Parish

The Prudential Committee reported that Edward Bliss claimed the use of the strip of land between the Horse Sheds and the road, adjoining his garden

Voted that the Prudential Committee investigate the claim of Mr Bliss and if not valid take such measures as they find necessary to protect the rights of the Parish

[illegible] reported that [illegible] received [illegible] Charles C Warren of Brooklyn N.Y. a clock a present to the Parish for the audience room of [illegible] which has been placed therein

[illegible] That Prudential Committee be directed to [illegible] the thanks of the Society for the acceptance of the donation and express to him our gratitude and appreciation of the same

Voted that the meeting be dissolved

Recorded By Chas R Homer. Parish Clerk

Warrant for Parish Meeting Sept. 12. 1881

Hampden ss

To Charles A. Homer clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious worship in Springfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the members of said Parish to meet at the Parish Hall on monday the twelfth day of September Inst, at one and a half o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles Viz.

First — To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Second — To hear and act upon a communication from Rev. E. R. Atkins asking that his connection with the Parish as Pastor may be terminated on Monday October 3. 1881

Third — To hear an act upon the report of the Prudential Committe and any Committe or Agents heretofore chosen and to choose any committe or Agents the business of the Parish may require

And thou are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto us at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands this 5th day of Sept. A D 1881

A True Copy
Att Chas A. Homer
Parish Clerk

Henry T. Brown
Wm H. Sherman
} Prudential Committee

Parish meeting Sept. 12. 1881

The meeting was called to order by C. O. Homer the parish clerk

James T Brown was chosen Moderator

On the motion of Mary T Brown the following Preamble and resolution was adopted

Whereas the Rev D R Atkins has recieved an urgent call from the A. H. M. Society to enter the service of said Society as Pastor of the Congregational Church at Custer City Dakota and whereas Mr Atkins feels it his duty to accept said offer and asks to be relieved from his engagement here

Therefore Voted.

That while we sincerely regret to lose Mr Atkins as our Pastor we still view of all the circumstances of the case We consent to grant his request

Voted On motion of Dea. Dauphin Brown that Two members of the Parish be chosen to act in conjunction with the Parish Committee in relation to the supply of the Pulpit

James S Blair and James T Brown were chosen in accordance with the above vote

The Prudential Committe reported that the Mutual Union Telegraph Company had applied to them for liberty to erect telegraph Poles on and across the Parish Grounds

Voted To leave the matter with the Prudential Committe with power to act in the matter

Dea. James S Blair. Dea Dauphin Brown and H F Brown were chosen a committe to see what can be done in regard to a Parsonage

Voted To adjourn to Sept 26. at half past one o'clock

To the Prudential Committee of the First Ecclesiastical Society in Brimfield Mass

Having received an urgent call to to take charge of a Congregational Church in [illegible] under the auspices of the Congregational Home Missionary Society I ask that the Ecclesiastical Society which you represent allow me to leave Brimfield the 3rd of October that I may enter upon my work there as soon as possible. If a meeting of the Ecclesiastical Society needs to be called that it may take action on this request, I beg leave to ask that such a meeting be called at the earliest date convenient.

Yours &c D R Atkins

Brimfield Mass. Sept 3rd 1881

To the First Ecclesiastical Society in Brimfield Mass

Having been invited several times within the last year to labor in the western part of our country, I have felt obliged to consider the needs and claims of the Congregational Churches in that region, and to reflect as to whether I ought to leave New England and go there.

These propositions, until the present time have seemed indefinite, and while coming to have a more and more personal interest in the important and absolutely necessary work of home missions, I have not till now seen it my duty to go as a home missionary myself. But on Friday Sept 2nd I received a visit from Rev L H Cobb Secretary of the Home Missionary Society, and received a definite call to go to either Custer City or Lead City Dakota. His presentation of the case was such, showing the importance of the field, and the call for men being so urgent and pressing that it would be possible for me to labor in New England much more easily than a good many other men, and with all the rest, feeling a deep interest in carrying

the people to the frontier I consented to go to one of the places named. I would be released from the Congregational Church in Brimfield in October. For these reasons and for the reason that I believe my influence will tell more for the Church of Christ and for the good of my country if I devoted to the Church in the Western field. I respectfully ask you to let me close my work in Brimfield with Sunday Oct 2, 1881. In presenting this petition I beg leave to say that I do not have or ask permission to leave because I think the salary that you pay is inadequate or that it is not promptly or regularly paid. Neither do I ask to go because I am likely to receive a larger salary in Custer in Dakota the place to which I am now definitely called to go. I do not ask for this release because I have discovered any want of cordiality toward me on the part of any people. I am very grateful for the many evidences of good will, and shall have them with regret. I am also satisfied that the Church is in a noticeably healthy religious state, and the piety and benevolence of my Christian brethren have especially pleasing to me. I do not ask to go because of any want of support in a pecuniary sense. I beg leave to say that I shall ever consider myself indebted to the three Deacons of my Church here for their kind and continued and very helpful cooperation. In a word I am warmly attached to the people with whom I have spent these last two years and only because I think I can do more good in Custer do I ask for a release.

Very Respectfully
Brimfield Sept. 12 1881 Doane R Atkins

[illegible] adjourned to see what can be done [illegible] Parsonage [illegible] committee [illegible] report [illegible] such action as they [illegible]

[illegible] 1 Oct 1881

[illegible] Oct 3 1881

[illegible] & sworn [illegible] a parsonage [illegible] detail, see Report on file, and embodied in paper recorded on Page 31

[illegible] sworn

That if a place is purchased by individuals and held as a Parsonage for the use of the Parish on the plan proposed by the committee that the Parish will hire the same for the term therein stated, and pay as rent, four per cent per annum on the cost as there stated, payable semi annually, pay all taxes assessed upon the premises, the cost of insurance, and the expense of necessary ordinary repairs, shingling and outside painting excepted —

Voted To adjourn to Wednesday October 12th to meet at 1½ o. clock P. M. and the meeting was so adjourned —

Wednesday Oct 12. 1881. The Parish met as per adjournment.

The committee on Parsonage reported progress made, and asked further time and the meeting by vote adjourned to meet on Monday October 24th at 1½ o. clock P. M.

Monday Oct 24. 1881. The Parish met as per adjournment, reported, that a committee of the subscribers to the agreement to secure a place to be held for a Parsonage, had bargained for the Wales Place for the sum of $2250, including with

certain articles of Personal Property, was made by the committee, also that a sufficient number shares to cover the cost of the same had not been subscribed—

Voted That the Treasurer of the Parish be authorized in the name of the Parish, to subscribe for such number of shares in the Association to procure a Parsonage as may eventually become necessary to secure the same,

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow such sums of as may be necessary to carry out the foregoing vote

Voted To dissolve the meeting, and it was so done—

Wm. C. Sylvester
Clerk pro tem

Copy of Agreement for purchase of Parsonage

Whereas, at a meeting of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield held on Monday September 26th A.D. 1881 a committee chosen at a previous meeting to examine and report upon the necessity and propriety of the Parish making some suitable provision for the residence of a Pastor whenever one is secured to labor with us: reported that there is an urgent necessity that some permanent provision be made for the above, either by the Parish at this time, or by individuals upon the understanding and agreement, that if possible, within five years the Parish will take and pay for the same at the actual cost thereof; and whereas it does not appear to be feasible for the Parish to assume the expense of a Parsonage at this time—

Therefore we the undersigned hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of purchasing a place to be held for a Parsonage and leased to the Parish or their Pastor, and if not required for a Pastor as a whole, or in part, then to other persons as may be expedient, And to be conveyed to the Parish at any time within 5 years if they wish to purchase, The expense thereof in good repair fitted for use not to exceed Twenty Five Hundred Dollars— to be divided into shares of One Hundred each and of which shares we hereby agree to take, and pay for the number set

set against our own respective names, provided that if within five years from the date hereof any shareholder leaves town, or for any cause wishes to sell his or their shares, the Parish shall have the first right to purchase the same, if they decline the remaining shareholders shall have the second right, if the parties cannot agree upon a price for the share or shares, the same shall be determined by a committee of three disinterested resident persons, one to be selected by the shareholder wishing to sell, one by the remaining shareholders, and the other by the Parish, the award of whom not to exceed the actual cost shall be conclusive upon the parties

It being understood and agreed by the subscribers hereto, that the property purchased shall be conveyed to and held by three Trustees, to be elected by, and from the shareholders for one year, and until their successors are chosen and accept the trust, in case of a vacancy in the Board of Trustees, the vacancy shall be filled by an election as before provided —

The Trustees under the direction of the shareholders shall the care and management of the property, shall lease, or convey the same under and in accordance with the provisions of this agreement, and after five years as a majority in value of the shareholders direct, And it is hereby agreed by the shareholders that for the term of five years from the date of purchase, they will lease the property so purchased and fitted up ready for use to the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield, for four per cent per annum on the actual cost of the premises, the Parish to pay all taxes assessed upon the premises, the cost of Insurance, and the expense of necessary ordinary repairs, shingling and outside painting excepted payable semi annually —

The said Parish having at a meeting held October third A.D. 1881

Voted, That if a place is purchased by individuals and held as a Parsonage for the use of the Parish on the plan proposed by the committee, that the Parish will hire the same for the term therein stated (5 yrs) and pay as rent four per cent per annum as there stated, payable semi annually, pay all taxes assessed upon the premises, the cost of Insurance and the expense of necessary ordinary repairs, shingling and outside painting excepted

Dated at Brimfield this sixth of October A.D. 1881.

Names	Number of Shares	Names	Number of Shares
James S. Blair	5	James T. Brown	2
Dauphin Brown	1	Henry F. Brown	1
E. B. Brown	1	D. W. James	2
M. Hitchcock	3		
Wm. H. Sherman	2		
M. H. Corbin	1		

A true copy

Attest Chas. A. Lomis Trust Clerk

Warrant for Parish Meeting Feb. 1 1882

Hampden ss.

To Wm. H. Sherman Collector of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious worship in Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the members of said Parish qualified to vote in Parish affairs to meet at the Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Wednesday the first day of February next at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles Viz:

First To choose a moderator to preside at said Meeting

Second To see if the Parish will unite with the Church in sending an invitation to the Rev. Samuel B. McDuffee to become their Pastor.

And if so pass all votes and orders necessary to carry the same into effect

Third To hear and act upon the report of any committees heretofore chosen and choosing committees or agents the business of the Parish may require

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting house seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting

Given under our hands
this twenty fourth day of January
A. D. 1882
Newton J. Hubbard
Henry F. Brown } Committee
Wm. H. Sherman

Jan. 25 1882
I have served the within warrant
as herein directed
Wm. H. Sherman Collector

Meeting was called to order by Wm. H. Sherman
Collector
N. J. Hubbard was chosen Moderator

Voted On Motion of Henry F. Brown
To unite with the Church in extending
an invitation to Rev. Samuel C. McDuffee
to become our Pastor

Voted Also on Motion of H. F. Brown
To offer Rev. Samuel C. McDuffee an annual
Salary of Eight Hundred dollars and the use
of the Parsonage payable in equal Quarterly
payments with the privelige of being
absent two sabbaths each year provided
that the connection may be terminated
by either party by giving three months
notice to that effect.
This vote was passed by five voting for
it and three voting against it

Voted That we choose a Committee of three
to act with the committee of the church
N. J. Hubbard and H. F. Brown were
chosen that Committee

Voted To adjourn to Monday Feb. 13th Inst,
at one O. clock P. M.

Wm. H. Sherman Clerk pro tem

Copy

[illegible]

[illegible]

The First Congregational Church
in Norwich at a meeting held on Sunday
Jan. 27th 1867

Voted to call the Rev
[illegible] to become their Pastor
in the Gospel Ministry

Also voted to invite the
First Church in Congregational Society
[illegible] to take action [illegible] proposed
at a meeting of the above
[illegible] held on Wednesday
[illegible]

Also to invite with the Church in the
[illegible]

Also

To offer you an annual salary
of Eight Hundred dollars payable in
quarterly payments. And the
use of the Parsonage while Pastor.
With the privilege of being absent
two Sabbaths each year provided
the connections may be dismissed
[illegible] their pulpit [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] the last [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Congregational Church and Parish
[illegible] respectfully request the action of the
aforesaid Church and Parish and cordially
[illegible] to you their invitation to become
[illegible] of said Church and Parish.
[illegible] we [illegible] to express the hope
that you will [illegible] with us [illegible]
and [illegible] to accept this invitation [illegible] so that
[illegible] be productive of good to all who
[illegible] under your ministrations. Respectfully Yours

[illegible] S. Blair
[illegible] H. Sherman
Oliver H. Gerbier
} Committee of the Church

N. J. Hubbard
H. H. Brown
} Committee of the Parish

Adjourned sine die.
Called to order by the Chairman.
Report of Committee called for.
The following communication was received.

To the First Congregational Church and Society in Deerfield.

Dear Friends,

I am informed by your Committee of the action taken by you at your respective meetings recently held in regard to the present pastorate; and that it was voted to send to me an invitation to become your pastor in the Gospel ministry. Through your Committee, acting as your agents and representatives, the action has been kindly expressed that I may find it consistent with my views of duty to accept the invitation; and that if it is accepted, my administrations may be productive of good to all.

In reply, I would say that on my first visit to your sacred Sabbath services, I became informed as to your present situation and needs, and these have come somewhat as a matter of course to my knowledge as a result of my visit among you personally, and my knowledge as a result of my visit and return, and assuming in the unmistakable indications (which I have ~~felt used~~) of God's will in the premises, I am constrained to say that the situation with which you have so kindly desired to connect me, and the duties incident to the positions which you have named, I do take it, in view of the circumstances and the three months notice in case either party desires to terminate the relation

And permit me to add that I
might have written not from a
[illegible] I ~~[illegible]~~ rejoice in
the prospect of the removal of my [illegible]
to your pleasant village. [illegible]
[illegible] with you
all and that by [illegible] to bring
the blessings of your gospel to
school. And now [illegible] I am
[illegible] the thought that I may be
[illegible] the [illegible] privilege of
[illegible] among you [illegible] Christian
Worship, and of preaching as the
Spirit shall [illegible] me [illegible]
[illegible] us [illegible] God.
And [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] may be productive of
good to all.
[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] to dissolve the meeting.

[illegible] Clerk

[illegible] at the Congl'l Meeting, Apr. 6 1852

[illegible]

[illegible] William H. Sherman Collector
[illegible] of the Town of Congregational
Society in Greenfield. Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth
[illegible] you are required to
[illegible] and warn the members of said
Society qualified to vote in Church affairs
[illegible] to meet at the Grish Hall in said
Greenfield on Monday the seventeenth
day of April Inst. at one o'clock
P.M. then and there to act on the
[illegible]

First [illegible]

Second [illegible]

Third [illegible]

Fourth [illegible]

Fifth [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Annual Parish [illegible]
The meeting was called to order by the
Collector. The warrant was read
and votes for Moderator called for.

Voted James A. Brown was chosen and sworn

Voted William H. Sherman was chosen and sworn
Clerk

[illegible]

Voted [illegible] Assessors be [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Voted [illegible] Monday in [illegible]
[illegible] o'clock P. M.

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[illegible]

& the Parish, Augustus Brown
& Hollis Cook, to ask a charge
[illegible] the names of [illegible]
[illegible]

Elected that Committee

Voted That the Ministerial Committee present in the warrant
[illegible]
and thanks to the clerks of [illegible]
Voted [illegible]

Voted To leave the matter of selling the Bonds
[illegible]

Adjourned Parish Meeting May 1st 1882

Called to order by Moderator

Report of Treasurer called and read

Voted To accept the report

Voted To authorize the Treasurer to borrow money to pay current expenses

Voted That the matter of selling the Bonds be left with the Prudential Committee to act according to their discretion in the matter

Voted To adjourn to the room above

Voted To dissolve the Meeting

Wm. H. Sherman Clerk

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Adjourned [illegible]

[illegible] according to adjournment.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator.

Voted To choose a board of assessors.

Chose A. F. Brown L. S. Blair and M. A. Corbin.

Voted That the matter of sale and reinvestment of the securities of the Wyles Fund be left to the Prudential Committee with authority to take such action as they deem best for the Parish. And the Treasurer is authorised to make all necessary transfers to carry their action into effect.

Voted to adjourn to the room above.

After the sale of slips it was voted to adjourn.

Walter S. Hilliard Clk.

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Adjourned Parish Meeting Mar 3rd 1884

[illegible] adjourned

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator who then called for the report of Committee [illegible]

That Committee reported and report was accepted.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] } [illegible] Committee

[illegible]

[illegible]

Warrant for Parish [illegible]

[illegible]

tor of the First Parish or Congregat[illegible]
ociety of Hommfield

[illegible]

[illegible] Massachusetts now are hereby required [illegible] the First [illegible] to the Parish Hall on Monday the twenty first [illegible] April instant at one o'clock P.M. there and [illegible] to act on the following articles viz

First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the ensuing year, also all committees and agents the business of the Parish may require.

Third To hear and act upon the report of the Treasurer and any committee or agents [illegible] before chosen.

Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, supply of singing, payment of debts, and current expenses of the Parish or act thereon.

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorise their Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of debts and Parish expenses.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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Here fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this [illegible] day of April A.D. 1884.

Henry F. Brown
James S. Blair } Prudential
Miner H. Corbin } Committee

Parish meeting Apr. 7th. 1884.

This certifies that I have posted a true copy of the within as directed.

James S. Blair
Collector.

Parish meeting. Apr. 21st. 1884

The meeting was called to order by the clerk and James S. Brown was chosen moderator.

[illegible] Fifield Clerk.

[illegible] Colgin
[illegible] S. Hubbard } Prudential
H. F. Brown } Committee.

[illegible] Brown Treasurer.

[illegible] S. Blair Collector.

[illegible] S. Hubbard
[illegible] Sherman } Assessors.
M. H. Corbin

The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

On motion of S. H. Sawyer it was

Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars ($100.) for salary of Pastor in addition to the use of the Parsonage.

Voted – to leave the matter of singing and music with the Prudential Committee.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish.

Voted – That the renting of the house to the Sons of Temperance be left with the Prudential Committee.

Voted – To adjourn to May 3rd at 3½ o'clock P.M.

A true record.

Newton S. Hubbard Clk.

Parish Meeting May 3rd 1884

Met according to adjournment. The Moderator in the chair

Voted – To adjourn to the room above

Voted To adjourn to Saturday May 10th at 3 o'clock P.M.

A true record

Newton S. Hubbard Clk.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] James S. Blair [illegible] the First Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall of said Parish on Saturday the tenth day of May instant at 2 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles viz.

First To chose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To see if the Parish will unite with the Church in extending an invitation to Rev. Joseph Ryte to settle over them in the Gospel ministry or act thereon.

And to do pass all votes and orders and choose all committees and agents necessary for that purpose.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Meeting House seven days prior the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your return thereon at the time and place of said meeting

Given under our hands this third day of May A.D. 1884.

Newton S. Hubbard } Prudential
James S. Blair } Committee
Henry F. Brown }

Hampden ss. Brimfield May 3rd 1884

This certifies that I have served the within as therein directed.

James S. Blair Collector

Parish meeting [illegible]

The meeting was called to order by the clerk [illegible]
L. T. Brown was chosen moderator.

On motion of James S. Dennis [illegible]

Voted (meaning [illegible] the Parish unite with the church, in extending an invitation to Rev. Joseph Kyte to become our Pastor.

Voted To offer the Rev. Joseph Kyte an annual salary of nine hundred Dollars [illegible] in equal quarterly payments and the use of Parsonage while Pastor, also the privilege of being absent two Sabbaths each year.
In connection may be terminated by either party giving three months notice.

Voted That the clerk be requested to notify Rev. Joseph Kyte the doings of the Parish this day.

Copy of the communication from the church

Winfield May 3rd. 1884

To the clerk of the First Parish congregational society.
Dear Sir
At a regular meeting of the church held this day it was unanimously

Voted On motion of James S. Dennis that Rev. Joseph Kyte be invited to become our Pastor.

Voted That the clerk be instructed to notify the Parish Committee of the above action and request them to bring the subject before the Parish for action as soon as possible.
A true record

James S. Dennis, Clerk.

Voted That this meeting be dissolved
Newton S. Hubbard Clerk.

Copy of letter

Brooklyn, May 2nd 1881.

Rev. Joseph Lyle.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the action of the First Parish or Congregational Society, at a meeting held May 10th 1881, and also of the Church, at a meeting held May 3rd and the action communicated to the Parish by their Clerk, I am requested by the Parish to notify you of their unanimous invitation to become their Pastor.

Allow me in so doing, to express to you their hearty wish, that you will find it in accordance with your views of duty, to accept this invitation, and if so, that it will be eminently beneficial to you, and to us, and to this whole community.

Respectfully yours.

N. S. Hubbard.

Parish Clerk.

Copy of reply.

Brooklyn, May 2nd 1881.

To the Clerk of the First Parish

Dear Sir.

[illegible] the receipt of your welcome [illegible] of the 10th ult. [illegible] the Parish to their Pastor

[illegible]

Yours sincerely [illegible]

Joseph Lyle.

N.S. Hubbard Clerk

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting
Feby 2nd 1885

Hampden S.S.

To James. J. Brown Treasurer of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Monday the second day of February next at one o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles. Viz:

First. To choose Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To choose all necessary Parish officers for the ensuing year; also all committees and agents the business of the Parish may require.

Third. To hear and act on the reports of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer, and any committees or agents heretofore chosen.

Fourth. To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of singing, payment of debts, and current expenses of the Parish, and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth. To see if the Parish will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of debts or other expenses and liabilities of the Parish.

Sixth To see if the Parish will take any action for the purchase of the Parsonage, and if so make provisions therefor.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting house seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty second day of January in the year A.D. 1885

Newton S. Hubbard
James S. Blair } Prudential Committee
Henry F. Brown

Hampden S.S.

Brimfield Feby 2nd 1885

This certifies that I have served the foregoing warrant as therein directed

James T. Brown Parish Treasurer-

Annual Parish meeting Feby. 2nd 1885

Meeting called to order by the Clerk.

The warrant was read and H. F. Brown was chosen Moderator

Voted To adjourn to one week from to day at one oclock P. M.

First
Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting.
Monday February Ninth 1885

Met according to adjournment.

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, who gave report of last meeting.

Parish Clerk. D. L. Griggs was chosen Clerk and sworn by Henry F. Brown Justice of the Peace.

Pruden. Committee. James S. Blair, N. S. Hubbard, J. T. Brown } chosen Prudential Committee

Assessors. On separate ballot the Prudential Committee were chosen as Assessors

Treasurer. James T. Brown was chosen Treasurer.

Collector. James S. Blair was chosen Collector.

The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

On motion E. B. Brown

Voted That nine hundred dollars be raised and appropriated, together with use of the Parsonage, for support of Pastor.

On motion Miner Corbin

Voted That the matter of music and singing be left with Prudential Committee

On motion Miner Corbin

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money to meet debts & current expenses of the Parish.

On motion J. T. Brown

Voted That a Committee of three be chosen to raise funds to pay current expenses from May 1st 1885 to May 1st 1886

Chair appointed as that Committee

Committee to raise Funds for current Expenses { N. S. Hubbard, E. B. Brown, D. W. Jarvis.

Voted To authorize Prudential Committee to procure blanks for personal notification of members of Parish to be sent to each member previous to each meeting of said Parish.

Voted To adjourn to Saturday Mar. 7th 1885. at one oclock P. M.

D. L. Griggs, Clerk.

Second
Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting 1885
Saturday Mar. 7th 1885

Met according to adjournment
Meeting was called to order by the Moderator.

Voted Com. to raise money to purchase parsonage. That it is expedient for the Parish to purchase the parsonage and that a committee of three be chosen to see what can be done toward raising money for that purpose.

N. S. Hubbard
J. S. Blair
E. C. Marsh
} Were chosen as that committee

Voted Add two to Com. That two be added to this committee

D. W. Jones
D. L. Griggs
} Were then added to said committee

The following was then presented.

Whereas the Treasurer in his annual report has suggested the expediency of making a change in a portion or all of the investments of the Parish for reasons orally stated: Therefore

Voted That the sale and re-investment of the securities of the Parish be left with the Prudential Committee, with authority to take such action as they deem best for the Parish, and the Treasurer

Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting (Continued)

is authorized to make all necessary transfers to carry the same into effect.

Voted To adjourn to Saturday April 4th 1885 at 3 o'clock P. M.

D. L. Griggs Clerk -

Third
Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting 1885
Saturday April 4th 1885

Met according to adjournment.
Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Voted To adjourn to Saturday April 18th 1885 at 3 o'clock P. M.

D. L. Griggs Clerk -

Fourth
Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting 1885
Saturday April 18th 1885

Met according to adjournment.
Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Voted To adjourn to Saturday May 2nd 1885 at 3 o'clock P. M.

D. L. Griggs Clerk -

Fifth

Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting 1885

Saturday May 2nd 1885

Met according to adjournment.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

The Committee chosen to solicit subscriptions to defray current expenses from May 1st/85 to May 1st 1886 reported through their Chairman.

On motion J. Y. Brown

Voted That said Committee continue their labors till they accomplish all they desire.

The Committee chosen to raise money to purchase the parsonage then reported.

On motion J. Y. Brown

Voted That said Committee continue their labors.

On Motion J. Y. Brown

Voted To appoint a Committee to represent the Parish at the meeting of the Stockholders of the Parsonage Association

E. C. Marsh was chosen that committee

Voted To adjourn to Saturday May 30th 1885 at 3 o'clock P. M.

D. L. Griggs - Clerk.

Sixth Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting 1885
Saturday May 30th 1885
Met according to adjournment.
Meeting called to order by the Moderator.
Report of the last meeting called for and given by the Clerk.
On motion N. S. Hubbard

Voted That the record of the last meeting stand as given by the Clerk.

Voted That Committee chosen to solicit funds for current expenses, who reported through their Chairman N. S. Hubbard, be requested to continue their labors.

The Committee chosen to raise money to purchase Parsonage then reported.
On motion J. T. Brown

Voted That a Committee be chosen to prepare proper papers for the transfer of the Parsonage from the Stockholders of the Parsonage Association to the Parish.
H. T. Brown was chosen as that committee.

Voted That Prudential Committee of Parish be given all necessary power to receive Deed of Parsonage when prepared, and make the transfer of Parsonage to the Parish as in preceding vote

Voted To adjourn this meeting.

D. L. Griggs Clerk.

Warrant For Annual Parish Meeting.
Monday February 1st 1886

Hampden S.S.

To Daniel L. Griggs, Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Monday the first day of February next at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles

Viz:

First — To choose a Moderator to preside at the said meeting.

Second — To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the year ensuing. Also all committees and agents the business of the Parish may require.

Third — To hear and act on the reports of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer and any committees or agents heretofore chosen

Fourth — To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of singing, playing of organ, payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish, and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same

Fifth — To see if the Parish will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of debts or other expenses and liabilities of the Parish.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the

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meeting house, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not — and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of January in the year A.D. 1886

James S. Blair
Newton S. Hubbard } Prudential Committee.
James T. Brown

Hampden S.S

Brimfield Jany. 21 1886

I have served the foregoing Warrant as therein directed.

Daniel L. Griggs. Clerk.

Annual Parish Meeting February 1st 1886

The meeting was called to order by the Parish Clerk. After the reading of the Warrant—

Moderator. Charles A. Homer was chosen Moderator

Application for membership. The Prudential Committee reported that they had received application from Melvin Booth to become a member of the Parish and the same was presented and read.

Voted That Melvin Booth be accepted as member of the Parish

Clerk. D. L. Griggs was chosen Clerk.

Prudential Committee. J. S. Blair, N. S. Hubbard, D. W. Jones } chosen Prudential Committee

Assessors. On a separate ballot the Prudential Committee were chosen Assessors.

Treasurer. J. T. Brown was chosen Treasurer.

On motion H. T. Brown

Voted That the rest of second article be laid on the table for the present.

Treasurers Report. Report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

Parsonage Committee Report. The Committee chosen to solicit money for the purchase of Parsonage reported that the $2500. needed for that purpose has been pledged.

On motion Miner Corbin

Voted That nine hundred dollars be raised and appropriated together with the use of the Parsonage for support of Pastor

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Annual Parish Meeting Monday Febuary 1st 1886.

Music and Singing.

On motion Miner Corbin

Voted That the matter of music and singing be left with the Prudential Committee

On Motion N. S. Hubbard.

Voted Treasurer can borrow money.

That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money to pay debts or current expenses of the parish.

Committee to solicit funds for Current expenses.

E. B. Brown, N. S. Hubbard, J. S. Blair } Chosen Committee to solicit funds to pay current expenses from May 1st 1886 to May 1st 1887

Collector.

J. S. Blair Chosen Collector

Ushers.

Geo. W. Sherman, Geo Plympton } Chosen Ushers

Voted Prudential Com. supply ushers.

That Prudential Committee supply Ushers if those chosen are not present or fail to serve.

Voted Prudential Com. can keep Parish securities in Safety vault if thought best.

That the matter of placing the securities of the Parish in the Safety Deposit Vaults be left with the Prudential Committee to take such action as is, in their judgment, best.

Voted Financial Chronicle

That the Treasurer be authorized to expend amount necessary to secure use of The Financial Chronicle for the year ensuing

Voted Time of adjournment.

That when this meeting adjourns, it adjourn to the Saturday preceeding the first Sunday in May, at two oclock P. M.

Voted

That we adjourn

D. L. Griggs, Clerk.

Adjourned
Annual Parish Meeting May 1st 1886

Met according to adjournment.—
Meeting called to order by the Moderator

Voted
Ladies be invited from other room.

On motion of Henry F. Brown that the ladies outside the room waiting for Preparatory Lecture be invited to come inside and attend Parish Meeting.

Discussion regarding roof & spire & repairs needed thereon.

After some discussion regarding the probable needed repairs to roof and spire of the meeting house, the Prudential Committee were requested to examine roof and spire and report concerning same at the next meeting

Voted

On motion of H. F. Brown that we adjourn to one week from to day, at two oclock P. M.

D. L. Griggs. Clerk.

Second Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting
Saturday May 8th 1886

Met according to adjournment
Moderator being absent, the meeting was called to order by the Clerk.

Moderator Pro tem.

J. F. Brown was chosen Moderator Pro tem.

Voted
Time of adjournment.

On motion of H. F. Brown that when we adjourn, we adjourn to Saturday May 22 at 2 oclock P. M.

The Prudential Committee not being fully ready to report in regard to repairs on spire and roof

Voted
Instructions to Prudential Committee

On motion of H. F. Brown ~~that Prudential~~ Committee be instructed to consult such architect or builder as they deem necessary & be prepared to report at next meeting and reccommend what need to be done

Voted

On motion of J. S. Blair that we add two

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Second Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting May 8 1886

Two added to Prudential Com.

to the Prudential Committee to assist and advise concerning repairs on roof and spire.

Names of Additional Committee

J. T. Brown and Miner Corbin were then added to Prudential Committee

Voted

That we adjourn.

D. L. Griggs Clerk.

Third Adjourned
Annual Parish Meeting Saturday May 22 1886

Met according to adjournment
Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Resignation of two of Prudential Committee

Resignations of N. S. Hubbard and D. W. James were read by the Clerk. Messers Hubbard and James wishing to be ~~excused~~ excused from service as Prudential Committee

On the motion of H. T. Brown

Voted not to accept resignations.

That the resignations of Messers Hubbard and James be not accepted.

On the motion of H. T. Brown

Voted Prudential Committee strengthen steeple

That the Prudential Committee be requested to strengthen the steeple of the church in accordance with the plan of Mr. Chapel ~~of~~ of Mr. James or of such parts of either plan as they shall think best.

On the motion of H. T. Brown

Voted Prudential Committee repair roof.

That the Prudential Committee make such repairs on the roof of the church as they think best.

Voted

To adjourn

D. L. Griggs Clerk.

Warrant For Annual Parish Meeting
Monday February Seventh 1887

Hampden S. S.

To Daniel L. Griggs, Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn all the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Monday the seventh day of February next, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Then and there to act on the following articles Viz:

First — To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second — To choose all necessary Parish officers for the year ensuing; also all committees and agents the business of the Parish may require

Third — To hear and act on the report of the Treasurer and any committees or agents heretofore chosen.

Fourth — To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of singing, playing of organ, payment of debts, and current expenses of the Parish, and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth — To see if the Parish will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of debts or other expenses and liabilities of the Parish.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting House seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and

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make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty fifth of January in the year of our Lord 1887

Newton S. Hubbard
David W. Janes } Prudential Committee
Miner H. Corbin

Brimfield Mass Jan 29 1887
I have served the foregoing Warrant as therein directed
Daniel L. Griggs.
Clerk.

Annual Parish Meeting
Monday February Seventh 1887

The meeting was called to order by the Parish Clerk. After the reading of the Warrant

Moderator. Charles A. Homer was chosen Moderator.

Clerk - D. L. Griggs was chosen Clerk

Prudential Committee — N. S. Hubbard, F. W. Janes, J. T. Brown } Were chosen as Prudential Committee

Assessors - On a separate ballot the Prudential Committee were chosen Assessors

Treasurer. J. T. Brown was chosen Treasurer

Voted To take up 4th article in the Warrant — On the motion of H. F. Brown that we pass over the election of the rest of the officers and take up the fourth article in the Warrant —

The following letter from Rev. Joseph Kyte was then presented by the Prudential Committee and read by the Clerk.

Brimfield Feb. 7 1887

Dear Brethren & Members of The Parish, Assembled

I have now been with you nearly three years - They have been looked upon probably, by us both more as years of experiment and for acquaintance than with absolute permanancy -

Letter of Rev. Joseph Kyte asking increase of salary -

While I have tried to do my duties as best I could under the circumstances and wish for no change, I leave it for you to judge as to the measure of success - I feel, however that it is a duty to myself & family to state that financially the years have been to us a failure.

Each year has found me about $75. in arrears of my income, to be paid out of private funds.

I expected it the first year, but the second I had hoped to meet all obligations with my salary - I have not been able to do so.

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(Letter of Rev. Joseph Kyte.)

I can't see where I have been able to be more economical. The expenses of my family have increased somewhat since here with its growth. & new demands, and it has been more expensive living in Brimfield than where I have formerly lived.

I do not see how I can further Economize without disposing of my horse.

Letter of Rev. J. Kyte asking for increase of salary

I write to suggest that it will be necessary for me to have an increase of income or do so. It seems very necessary for the efficiency of my Parish work to keep my horse: Indeed I do not see how I can well do without him. Therefore before taking such a step I thought it well to lay the matter before the Parish, in hopes that relief might come from that quarter. Any conference with the Parish regarding the matter will be welcomed.

Very Truly Yours
With all the interests of the Church and Parish at heart
Joseph Kyte.

On motion of H. J. Brown

Voted. Letter of Jos. Kyte be referred to committee. & that meeting of appropriation be postponed.

That the communication of Rev. J. Kyte be referred to a committee to confer with Pastor and Church and report at an adjourned meeting.

2nd That the matter of making appropriations be deferred untill after the report of the aforesaid meeting.

No. of com. Voted

On motion of J. J. Brown
That that committee consist of five.

Voted Nominating Committee

On motion of J. J. Brown
That the Chair appoint a Nominating Committee of three to nominate the aforesaid Committe of five to confer with Pastor & Church

Names of Nominating Committee

J. J. Brown
N. S. Hubbard
D. L. Griggs
} Were appointed as nominating committe

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Names of Committee — The Nominating Committee reported the following names to the meeting to act in regard to the Pastor's letter.

H. F. Brown N. S. Hubbard D. W. Janes
E. B. Brown C. A. Homer

Voted to accept Report of Com. — To accept the report of the Nominating Committee and have the parties named confer with Pastor & Church.

Report of Treasurer made & accepted. — Treasurer now made his report and it was accepted.

Voted. Committee be chosen to collect & preserve record of Subscriptions & Donations. — On the motion of H. F. Brown
That a committee of three be chosen to devise, and report a plan to collect, and preserve, and record the annual subscriptions for Parish expenses, the subscriptions for the Parsonage, also of donations to the Parish by Non-residents

Names of Committee — H. F. Brown, N. S. Hubbard, D. L. Griggs — Were chosen as that Committee

Voted Thanks to Donors — On the motion of H. F. Brown
That the thanks of the Parish be conveyed by the Clerk to Non-residents who have made donations to the Parish. also those who were instrumental in securing same.

Collector. — C. A. Homer was then chosen Collector.

Voted soliciting Committee — On the motion of J. F. Brown
That the committee chosen to confer with Pastor and Church be the soliciting committee.

Unfinished business — The matter of unfinished business concerning the use of the ~~Meeti~~ Meeting-house by the High School was deferred till next meeting.

Voted — On motion of N. S. Hubbard
To adjourn to Monday Mar. 14 at one o'clock P. M.

D. L. Griggs
Clerk.

Adjourned
Annual Parish Meeting March 14 1887

Met according to adjournment-
Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Clerk Pro-tem. The Clerk being absent, James. T. Brown was chosen Clerk Pro tem and sworn-

Committee report not expedient to increase salary of Rev. J. Kyte.

The Committee to whom the letter of Rev. Jos. Kyte was referred reported as follows:
Mr. Moderator and Members of the Parish.
Your Committee to whom was referred the communication of Rev. Joseph. Kyte dated Feby 7 1887 report that they have attended to the duties assigned them, after a conference with Mr. Kyte, and a full consideration of the questions involved were unanimously of the opinion that it is not expedient for the Parish to increase the salary of Rev. Joseph Kyte
Dated March 14 1887
Respectfully Submitted
Henry F. Brown
Newton S. Hubbard
Chas. A. Homer
David W. James
Edward B. Brown
} Committee.

Voted to accept Report — To accept the report of the Committee.

Voted to adopt conclusions of committee. — On the motion of Henry F. Brown
That the conclusions of the Committee be adopted

Voted to send Mr. Kyte copy of action of Parish. — That the Clerk send Mr. Kyte an attested copy of the action of the Parish on his communication

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Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting March 14 1887

Voted appropriations for salary of Pastor

That the income of the Ministerial Fund and such further amount as will make the ~~amount~~ sum of $900. be appropriated for the salary of Pastor to which be added the use of Parsonage

Voted Treasurer authorized to borrow money-

That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money to pay debts and Parish expenses if necessary-

Voted singing & music left with Committee

That the matter of singing and music be left with the Parish Committee

Voted High school may use church on payment of $10. each year &c-

That the Prudential Committee be authorized to allow the use of the Church for Graduation Exercises of the Hitchcock Free High School for a sum not to exceed $10. each year, it being understood that all damage done other than ordinary use be paid for in addition thereto.

Voted Committee appointed to learn cost of new windows & blinds-

That a Committee be appointed to ascertain the expense of changes in windows and inside blinds for same, also for decorating walls and ceiling and painting

Names of Committee

H. Y. Brown- D. W. Janes- and N. S. Hubbard were appointed as that Committee

Voted Ushers be Chosen

That the Prudential Committee be requested to provide Ushers who will be in attendance and see that strangers are provided with seats in church-

Voted to adjour-

That we adjourn to Saturday April 30th at 2 oclock P. M-

James Y. Brown Clerk Pro-tem
Recorded by D. S. Griggs Clerk-

Second Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting
Saturday April 30th 1887

Met according to adjournment.
No business transacted.
Meeting was dissolved.

D. L. Griggs Clerk.

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting
Monday February Sixth 1888

Hampden S.S.

To Daniel L. Grigg Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Monday the sixth day of February next, at one o clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles Viz:

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To choose all necessary Officers for the year ensuing; also all committees and agents the business of the Parish may require.

Third To hear and act on the reports of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer and any committees or agents heretofore chosen.

Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of singing, payment of debts, and current expenses of the Parish and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth. To see if the Parish will take any measures to modify or change the terms of the contract now existing with the Rev. Joseph Kyte or to terminate the same or act thereon.

Sixth. To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and the current expenses of the Society

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting House seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of said meeting

Given under our hands this twentieth day of January A. D. 1888

David W. James
James T. Brown } Prudential Committee

Brimfield Mass. Jany. 25. 1888

I have served the foregoing Warrant as therein directed

S. B. Griggs. Clerk

Annual Parish Meeting. Monday Feby 6 1888

The meeting was called to order by the Parish Clerk.

Moderator. After the reading of the Warrant Charles A. Homer was chosen Moderator.

Clerk. ~~D. L. Griggs~~ was chosen Clerk. and sworn.

Prudential Committee Newton S. Hubbard. David W. James. James T. Brown } Were chosen Prudential Committee.

Assessors. On a separate ballot the Prudential Committee were chosen Assessors.

Treasurer. Jas. T. Brown was chosen Treasurer.

Collector. Chas. A. Homer was chosen Collector.

Report of Treasurer The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted

On motion of Henry F. Brown

Voted To take up the fifth article in the Warrant.

TO TAKE UP 5TH ARTICLE.

* See next page.

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted That a committee of ~~six~~ five be chosen to investigate the subject matter of the fifth article and report at an adjourned meeting

TO CHOOSE FIVE TO INVESTIGATE 5TH ARTICLE AND REPORT AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING.

Voted D. W. James, Marcus Hitchcock, ~~D. L. Griggs~~ } Were chosen to nominate such a committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE CHOSEN TO INVESTIGATE 5TH ARTICLE IN WARRANT AND REPORT AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING

N. S. Hubbard, H. F. Brown, D. W. James, Miner Corbin, Chas. A. Homer, Edwd. B. Brown } Were reported by the Nominating Committee, and were accepted by the Parish as the committee to investigate the fifth article in the Warrant & report.

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(Annual Parish Meeting Monday Monday Feby 6 1886)

Voted To leave the matter of Music with the Prudential Committee
TO LEAVE THE MATTER OF MUSIC WITH PRUDEN. COM.

Voted To adjourn to Saturday March 24 at one oclock P.M.
TO ADJOURN

D. L. Griggs Clerk.

✱ Omitted in the previous record of the meeting.
M. H. Corbin moved that action on the fifth article be postponed indefinitely.
Henry F. Brown asked that when the question on postponement is taken it be by a yea & nay vote, and the vote was so taken resulting as follows. Viz:

Yeas.	Nays.
Miner H. Corbin	Henry F. Brown
Edward B. Brown	James J. Brown
David W. James.	Chas. A. Homer
	D. L. Griggs

E. C. Marsh
Marcus Hitchcock
Melvin Booth
Edward Bliss
} Not voting

The motion not carried.

D. L. Griggs Parish Clerk.

Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting Feb 24 1888

Met according to adjournment.
Meeting was called to order by the Moderator

After reading the record of the last meeting
on the motion of H. F. Brown

Voted That Clerk amend the records.

That the Clerk be instructed to amend the record of the previous meeting by adding the account of the Yea and Nay vote then taken.

On the motion of H. F. Brown

Voted Time of adjournment

That when we adjourn we adjourn to Saturday April 14 at one o'clock P.M.

Voted To adjourn.

D. L. Griggs Parish Clerk.

Second Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting.
Saturday April 14 1888

Met according to adjournment.
The Moderator not being present, the meeting was called to order by the Parish Clerk

Moderator Pro-tem. N. S. Hubbard was chosen Moderator Pro-tem

Records read- After reading of the records of the two preceeding meetings the report of the Committee chosen to investigate the subject matter of the fifth article in the Warrant, was called for - and given by the Chairman of that Committee N. S. Hubbard, as follows

Report of Committee chosen to investigate Fifth article. The Committee report that the matter involved in the fifth article of the Warrant be referred to the Church Committee for their action, and report at an adjourned meeting

On motion of Miner Corbin

Voted To accept report To accept report of Committee and instruct the Clerk to make record of same -

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted Treasurer to arrange in regard to unpaid subscriptions. To authorize the Treasurer to make such arrangements in regard to unpaid subscriptions, as shall to him seem best -

On Motion of Miner Corbin

Voted Appropriation for salary of Pastor. That the income of the Ministerial Fund and such further amount as will make the sum of $900. be appropriated for the salary of the Pastor, if the amount can be raised, together with the use of the Parsonage.

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted Wyles Fund appropriated for current expenses That income of the Wyles Fund be appropriated for current expenses of Parish & support of singing

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Second Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting Apr. 14 1888

On motion of E. B. Brown

Voted Soliciting Committee chosen. That a committee of five be chosen to solicit fund expenses of the Parish for present year.

Names of Soliciting Committee. N. S. Hubbard, E. B. Brown, M. Corbin, J. Y. Brown, D. W. Janes } were chosen soliciting committee

On motion of D. W. Janes

Voted Conditions of Subscriptions. That the conditions of subscriptions be same as last year.

On motion of H. Y. Brown

Voted Treasurer authorised to borrow money. That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current expenses of the Parish.

Voted Time of adjournment. That when we adjourn, we adjourn to Monday April 30 at 2 o'clock P. M. prompt

Voted To adjourn.

D. L. Griggs Parish Clerk.

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Third adjourned Annual Parish Meeting Monday April 30

Met according to adjournment.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator-Pro-tem

Report of Soliciting Committee

Report of Soliciting Committee was called for but no full report was given as the Committee had not finished their canvass

Report of Church Committee

The report of the Church Committee regarding their action concerning the subject matter contained in the fifth article in the Warrant, was called for but the Committee asked for further time and therefore it was

Voted That when we adjourn, we adjourn to Monday May 7 at two oclock P.M.

Voted To adjourn

D. L. Griggs Parish Clerk

Fourth Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting Monday May 7th 1888

Meeting called to order by the Moderator Pro tem.

After the reading of the Record of the last meeting the report of the Church Committee chosen to investigate the subject matter contained in the Fifth article of the Warrant for the Annual Meeting was called for, and the report was given by N. S. Hubbard as follows Viz:

Report of Church Committee

Your Committee have conferred with the Pastor concerning the present dissatisfaction regarding his pastorate with us, and after plainly stating the case to him and hearing his arguments in favor of his remaining longer as our Pastor, have only to report that Mr Kyle does not wish to take the responsibility of sundering the relation at present.

Signed:
N. S. Hubbard M. Hitchcock
J. W. Janes M. H. Corbin
Melven Booth.

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted To accept the report of the Church Committee.
TO ACCEPT REPORT

On motion of E. C. Marsh

Voted. That the subject matter contained in the fifth article of the Warrant for the Annual Parish Meeting be submitted to the adult members of the church for their consideration, and expression of opinion by ballot.
TO SUBMIT THE 5th Article to adult members of church for their action by ballot.

NAMES of Committee chosen to inform the church of action of the Parish.

E. C. Marsh
Miner Corbin
E. B. Brown
} Were chosen as a Committee to inform the Church of the action of the Parish, and to request the Church to take action if they desire.

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted That when we adjourn, we adjourn to Saturday June 9 at 2 o'clock P.M.
TIME OF Adjournment.

1888
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Fourth Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting May 7th 1888

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted To authorize Prudential Committee to repair walks & roads about the Church. &c.

That the Prudential Committee be authorized to make suitable repairs on the roads and walks leading to the church and the grounds about the church.

Moved by J. F. Brown

Moved $60. appropriated for insurance.

That sixty dollars be appropriated this year for insurance.

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted To lay motion on the table

To lay aforesaid motion on the table

Voted To adjourn

D. L. Griggs Parish Clerk

Fifth Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting
Saturday June 9th 1888

Met according to adjournment.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator Pro-tem. After the reading of the Record of the last meeting, the report of the meeting of the Church was called for, and given by Jas. Y. Brown, Church Clerk, as follows—

Report of Church meeting given by Church Clerk.

At a meeting of adult members of the First Congregational Church connected with this Parish, held June 8th 1888, the following action was taken, Viz:

Parish requested to postpone action on 5th article indefinitely.

"Resolved that we request the Parish to postpone indefinitely any action on the article in the Warrant, now under consideration, which relates to the termination of the same or pastorate"

A true copy, Attest—

James Y. Brown, Clerk of Church.

To the First Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield—

Irregularities in voting. called proxies.

Note—The vote was Yes 25, No 8. Total 33 Members present 31 Moderator and Clerk did not vote. The votes above those present and voting, were called proxies, but no proxies were presented to the meeting, and there is no rule of the Church that provides for a vote by proxy—

James Y. Brown. Clerk.

Brimfield June 9th 1888

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted To LAY report on table.

To lay report of Church Clerk on the table—

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted Committee of three chosen to visit Mr Kyte and report to this meeting.

That a Committee of three be chosen to confer with Rev. Joseph Kyte and ascertain if he is willing to submit to the Parish a proposition for termination of his pastorate with us

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or any definite statement in relation to the same.
The above to be reported to this meeting.

Names of committee chosen to visit Mr. Kyte.

N. S. Hubbard
M. H. Corbin } Were chosen that Committee.
D. L. Griggs

The Parish suspended the business of the meeting while the Committee visited Rev. Joseph Kyte and on their return reported as follows. Viz:

Report of Committee.

Mr Kyte nothing to say.

Mr. Kyte meant nothing by expression a few months.

The Committee report that they have attended to their duty and conferred with Rev. Joseph Kyte and he says he has nothing to submit to the Parish — Has no definite plans for the future;- and when asked what he meant when he asked the Church to ask the Parish to continue his services as Pastor a few months longer, replied he meant nothing, only wanted to know the feeling of the Church in the matter.

Signed
N. S. Hubbard
M. H. Corbin
D. L. Griggs

The following Motion was then presented by H. F. Brown

Preamble and motion of H. F. Brown in favor of giving Mr. K. three mos. notice.

Whereas differences have arisen and exist in the Parish and Church in regard to our Pastor — Rev. Joseph Kyte, to an extent that materially effects his usefulness with us as a Religious Teacher, and whereas by the terms of his contract with the Parish it is provided that either party may terminate the same by giving three months notice thereof, Therefore

Voted That it is expedient and advisable for the Parish to terminate the connection in accordance with the aforesaid provision.

After some discussion on motion of H. F. Brown

Voted to defer action till next meeting.

That further consideration of this matter be deferred to an adjourned meeting to be

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held three weeks from to-day at two o'clock P. M.

On Motion of J. T. Brown

Voted To take up matter of insurance — To take from the table the matter of appropriating money for insurance

On motion of H. T. Brown

Voted To appropriate $60. for Ins. — To appropriate sixty dollars this year for insurance

Voted Time of adjournment. — To adjourn to Saturday June 30 1888 at 2 o'clock P. M.

D. L. Griggs Parish Clerk.

Sixth Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting Saturday June 30. 1888.

Met according to adjournment.
Meeting called to order by the Moderator.
Record of the last meeting was read and approved.
After some discussion concerning time of adjournment it was finally

Voted That we adjourn to Saturday July 14th 1888 at two o'clock P. M., sharp.

D. L. Griggs Parish Clerk.

1888

Seventh Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting Saturday July 14/8

Met according to adjournment.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

History of the Parish given by H.F. Brown and present difficulties reviewed

The past experiences of the Parish, and the present unfortunate condition of the ministerial question, were presented, By H. F. Brown immediately after the reading of the Records of the last meeting.

The following preamble and vote were then presented to the Parish by H. F. Brown.

Preamble and vote presented by H.F. Brown in favor of giving Rev. J. Kyte three mos. notice

Whereas differences have arisen and exist in the Parish and Church, in regard to our Pastor Rev. Joseph. Kyte, to an extent that materially effects his usefulness with us as a religious teacher, and whereas by the terms of his contract with the Parish it is probided that either party may terminate the same by giving three months notice thereof,

Therefore, Voted that it is expedient and advisable for the Parish to terminate the connection in accordance with the aforesaid provision

The vote was taken by calling the Yeas & Nays and resulted as follows – Viz:

Yea and Nay vote.

Yeas	Nays
H. F. Brown	N. S. Hubbard.
James. T. Brown	M. H. Corbin
Chas. A. Homer	E. B. Brown
D. L. Griggs 4	D. W. James
	E. C. Marsh
	Melven Booth 6

Marcus Hitchcock not voting.

Vote not carried.

Moved to postpone action on fifth article

~~On motion of Saturday Sept 8th at 2 o'clock P.M.~~

~~D. L. Griggs Parish Clerk~~

A motion was made by E.B. Brown to postpone indefinitely all action on the fifth article in the Warrant.

A motion to adjourn took presedence, and it was

Voted To adjourn to Saturday Sept 8th at 2 o'clock P.M.

D. L. Griggs
Parish Clerk

Eight Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting Saturday Sept 8 1888.

Met according to adjournment.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Record of the last meeting [illegible]

After much friendly discussion, [illegible] and frank expression of [illegible] by [illegible] the Parish present, concerning the subject matter contained in the fifth [illegible] of the [illegible] of the Parish, without exception thinking [illegible] pastorate of Rev. Joseph Kyte [illegible].

On motion of Edward S. Brown

Voted. That this meeting be dissolved.

Meeting dissolved.

He stating "This motion is made with the understanding that if Mr. Kyte does not tender his resignation within two weeks, [illegible] meeting shall be called, to act, [illegible] upon the subject of the continuance of Mr. Kyte's pastorate with us" [illegible] this motion in the interest of harmony, and that the Parish may act unanimously.

E.B. Brown withdrawing his motion.

The motion [illegible] with [illegible] a dissenting vote.

[illegible] Parish Clerk.

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Whitcomb Legacy.

Warrant For Special Parish Meeting Monday April 30 1888.

Hampden S. S.

[illegible] Parish or Congregational society in Brimfield.

[illegible] Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Members of said Parish to meet in their Hall in said Brimfield on Monday the thirtieth day of April current at two o'clock P. M., then and there to act upon the following articles, Viz:

First — To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second — To see what action the Parish will take in regard to the bequest made to them by Mrs. Louisa S. Whitcomb, deceased, or act thereon.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Parish Hall seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 17th day of April 1888.

[illegible]
David W. Janes } Prudential Committee.
James T. Brown

Brimfield Mass. April 17 1888

I have served the foregoing Warrant as therein directed.

[illegible] Parish Clerk.

Whitcomb Legacy.

Special Parish Meeting Monday Apr. [illegible] 1888

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Moderator. N. S. Whitcomb was chosen Moderator.

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted To receive and accept the Whitcomb Legacy. That the Trustees be authorized to receive, hold and manage the bequest made to the Parish of Mrs. Louisa S. Whitcomb deceased, when said bequest is ready.

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted. To choose Committee That a committee of three be appointed to advise about what should be done with the bequest when received by the Trustees. How to be appropriated.

Names of Committee. H. F. Brown, D. W. Janes, E. C. Marsh } Were chosen the committee.

Voted To adjourn to Monday May 7th at two o'clock P.M. in the Village Parish School.

Adjourned Special Parish Meeting Monday May 7th 1888.

Met according to adjournment.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Report of Committee chosen to advise how the bequest of Mrs. Louisa S. Whitcomb, should be appropriated, offered by H. F. Brown as follows, Viz:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the proper disposition to be made of the Legacy to the Parish by Mrs. Louisa S. Whitcomb, have attended to the duty assigned them and submit the following — Your committee recommend that the aforesaid Legacy, when received be invested, invested by the Trustees and held as the Whitcomb Repair Fund, only the income thereof, to be used for improvements or special repairs upon the interior and exterior of the church building, including frescoing of the interior, also painting of the interior and exterior of the same — Your committee would further recommend that any person desiring to subscribe to add to the income of the aforesaid Fund rather than to contribute by the annual subscription for Parish expenses, be allowed so to do, and that persons so subscribing be entitled to the same privileges in the selection of slips, as are accorded to those who subscribe to the annual expenses of the Parish —

Voted May 7th 1888

H. F. BROWN, E. C. MARSH, D. W. JANES } Committee.

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Whitcomb Legacy.
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Adjourned Special Parish Meeting Monday May 7th 1888.

Voted To accept report. To accept and adopt report of Committee.

Voted. To adjourn to Saturday June 9 at 2 o'clock P.M.

A. L. Griggs Parish Clerk.

Warrant For Parish Meeting Saturday Oct. 6 1888

Hampden S. S.

To Daniel L. Griggs Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby ~~notified~~ directed to notify and warn all the members of said Parish to meet at their Hall in said Brimfield on Saturday the sixth day of October next at two o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles - Viz:

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2nd To hear and act on a communication from Rev. [illegible] Kyte to the Parish -

Article 3rd To hear and act on any reports of Committees heretofore chosen, and choose any Committees or Agents the good of the Society may require -

Article 4th To transact any other business that may properly come before the Parish -

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at the Parish first seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of September 1888

Newton S. Hubbard
David W. Janes } Prudential Committee.

Brimfield Mass. Sept 28 1888

I have served the foregoing Warrant as therein directed

Daniel L. Griggs, Clerk -

1888

Parish Meeting Saturday October 6th 1888

Meeting was called to order by the Clerk-

Moderator. Chas. A. Homer was chosen Moderator

Record of last meeting was read after which the Moderator read the following letter from Rev. Joseph Kyte.

Letter of Rev. Joseph Kyte-

To the Parish Committee of the Congregational Church Brimfield Mass.

I hereby request that a meeting of the Parish be called and that I be released from the service of the pastorate — without regard to the obligations of three months notice — on the 29th of Oct. next, or as much sooner as suits my convenience.

Very truly yours

Joseph Kyte

Brimfield Mass Sept 21st 1888-

On motion of H. G. Brown

Voted To grant Rev. Jos. Kyte's request.

That the request of "Rev. Joseph Kyte" to be released from the service of the pastorate" over this Parish and Church connected therewith, be granted in accordance with his request as communicated to the Prudential Committee Sept 21st 1888

On Motion of H. G. Brown

Voted Prudential Committee meet emergences.

That the Prudential Committee be authorized to meet any emergency in the way of supplying pulpit that may arise if Mr. Kyte leaves before Oct. 29"

On Motion of J. S. Brown

Voted Clerk notify Mr Kyte.

That the Clerk notify Mr. Kyte of the action of the Parish.

On motion of G. G. Brown

Voted To secure a Pastor.

That the Parish take such action as may be necessary to secure a Pastor after Mr. Kyte leaves—

On motion of M. H. Corbin

Voted To raise a committee of five to provide temporary supply for pulpit and seek permanent pastor

To raise a Committee of five, to consist of the Prudential Committee and two others, who shall provide for a temporary supply for the pulpit, also take measures to secure a permanent Pastor, subject to the approval of the Parish and Church

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Parish Meeting Saturday October 6th 1888

Committee for supplying pulpit and seeking pastor.

The Committee for supplying pulpit & seeking p[illegible] Pastor was composed of the following

N. S. Hubbard. D. W. Janes
J. T. Brown. M. H. Corbin E. B. Brown.

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted Prud. Com. procure street lamp

That the Prudential Committee be requested to procure a street lamp and post for the same, to be placed in a proper position front of the Church

Voted To adjourn.

D. L. Griggs Parish Clerk.

1889

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting
Monday February Fourth 1889

Hampden S. S.

To Daniel L. Griggs Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall on Monday the fourth day of February next at one o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles. Viz:

First — To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second — To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, also all committees and agents the business of the Parish may require

Third — To hear and act on the reports of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer, and any committees or agents heretofore chosen

Fourth — To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of singing, payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth — To see if the Parish will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts, and the current expenses of the Society.

Sixth — To see if the Parish will take measures to repair and paint the Meeting house

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting-house seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the at the time and place of meeting aforesaid

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(Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting, Monday Feb. 4 1889)

Given under our hands this twenty [illegible] day of January A.D. 1889

David W. James
James T. Brown } Prudential Committee

Brimfield Mass January 23" 1889
I have served the foregoing Warrant as therein directed

Daniel L. Griggs Parish Clerk.

1889

Annual Parish Meeting Monday February 4 1889

Meeting called to order by the Clerk.

Moderator — Chas. A. Homer was chosen Moderator.

Clerk — D. L. Griggs was chosen Clerk.

Prudential Committee — N. S. Hubbard, D. W. Janes, H. F. Brown were chosen Prudential Committee.

On motion E. C. Marsh

Voted To add one to Prud. Com. — To add one to the Prudential Committee

Fourth member of Prudential Committee — Melvin Booth was chosen as the fourth member of the Prudential Committee

Voted Pass over election of Assessors. — To pass over (for the time being) the election of Assessors

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted To choose an Auditor. — To choose an Auditor

Auditor. — Chas. A. Homer was chosen Auditor.

Collector. — Melvin Booth was chosen Collector.

Report of Treasurer — Report of Treasurer was called for and given by H. F. Brown acting for the Treasurer.

Voted To accept Report. — To accept and adopt the report of the Treasurer.

Voted Pass over 4th Article. — To pass over 4th Article in Warrant till adjourned meeting

Voted Investing of Whitcomb Fund left with Com. — To leave investing of Whitcomb Fund with the Prudential Committee

Voted To adjourn to Mar. 16 — To adjourn to Saturday March 16 at 1:30 o'clock P.M.

D. L. Griggs, Parish Clerk.

Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting Saturday Mar. 16 1889

Met according to adjournment.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Records read and Clerk instructed to complete the record by inserting the election of Collector.

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted Income of ministerial fund to supply pulpit. To apply income of Ministerial fund to supply the pulpit.

On motion of M. H. Corbin

Voted Leave matter of music with Prud. Com. To leave the matter of music with the Prudential Committee

On motion of E. B. Brown

Voted Choose a soliciting Committee. To choose a Soliciting Committee of three to solicit funds for expenses of Parish for present year.

Names of Soliciting Committee: N. S. Hubbard, D. W. Janes, Melvin Booth } Were chosen as that committee.

Voted: To dissolve this meeting.

D. W. Griggs Parish Clerk

1889

Warrant for Parish Meeting Monday May 13th 1889

Hampden S. S.

To Daniel L. Griggs Clerk of the First-Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield - - - Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall on Monday the thirteenth day of May instant at two o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles- Viz-

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To hear and act on the vote of the Church in relation to hiring a Pastor for one year-

Third To see if the Parish will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and the current expenses of the Society

Fourth To hear and act on the reports of the Prudential Committee Treasurer, and any Agents or Committees heretofore chosen Also to choose any Committees or Agents the business of the Parish may require

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting House seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of holding said meeting-

Given under our hands this fourth day of May A.D. 1889

Newton S. Hubbard
Henry F. Brown } Prudential Committee
Melven Booth

Brimfield Mass - May 6th 1889

I have served the foregoing Warrant as therein directed

D. L. Griggs Parish Clerk -

Parish Meeting Monday May 13th 1889

Meeting called to order by the Clerk.

Moderator — Chas. A. Homer was chosen Moderator.

The [illegible] of Geo. H. Streeter, [illegible] filed at the Annual Meeting, was presented

Voted To accept Geo. H. Streeter — To accept the application of Geo. H. Streeter for membership in this Society

The following communication from the church was presented. Viz:

Communication from the church to the Parish — At a business meeting of the Church held this day, May 4th 1889 the Church voted to accept the report of the Parish Committee on supply in regard to a proposition from Rev. M. L. Richardson to supply the Church and Parish as Pastor for one year.

The vote was taken by ballot. Yes. 11. No 2.

Vote of church in regard to Rev M. L. Richardson — The Church voted to choose a committee of three to inform the Parish ~~and~~ of the action of the Church and ask them to unite with the Church in carrying out the proposition.

Names of Commiitee from the church. — Dea. N. S. Hubbard, Dea M. H. Corbin, E. B. Brown } Were chosen that committee

On motion of N. S. Hubbard

Voted to invite Rev M. L. Richardson to be our pastor for one year. — That the Parish unite with the Church in inviting Rev. M. L. Richardson to become our Pastor for one year.

On motion of D. W. Janes

Voted to choose committee. — To choose a committee of three to carry into effect the foregoing vote

Names of committee of Parish — D. W. Janes, M. H. Corbin, N. S. Hubbard } Were chosen that committee

On Motion of H. F. Brown

Voted Amount of Salary. — That we offer Rev M. L. Richardson a salary of $750.00 and use of Parsonage (except a store room) with the privilege

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Parish Meeting Monday May 13 1889

Amount of salary offered Rev. M.L. Richardson.

of being absent two Sabbaths, also upon the understanding if our income from investments or otherwise is increased to an amount that will allow it to be done, without incurring a permanent debt, the Parish will increase the salary to $800.

On motion of M. H. Corbin

Voted To authorize Treasurer to borrow money.

To authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Prudential Committee to borrow money to pay Parish debts and the current expenses of the Society.

Voted To adjourn.

S. L. Griggs Parish Clerk.

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting
Monday February Third 1890.

Hampden S.S.

To Daniel L. Griggs, Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall on Monday the third day of February next at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz:

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

Second To choose all necessary Parish officers for the ensuing year, also all committees and agents the business of the Parish may require.

Third "To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer, and any Committees or agents heretofore chosen".

Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of Singing, payment of debts and current expenses, of the Society, and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts, and current Expenses.

Sixth To see if the Parish will change the time for holding their Annual Meeting, or act thereon.

Seventh To see what measures, if any, the Parish will take to provide for the supply of the Pulpit after the termination of the Contract with Mr. M. L. Richardson.

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Eighth To see if the Parish will take any measures to [illegible]

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meetinghouse [illegible] at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Here of fail not and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty second day of January A.D. 1890

David W. J[illegible]s
Henry F. Brown
Milo [illegible]
} Prudential Committee.

Brimfield Mass. Jan 25, 1890
I have served the foregoing Warrent as therein directed

D. L. Griggs Parish Clerk

Annual Parish Meeting Monday [illegible]

Meeting called to order by the Clerk

Moderator Minor H. Corbin was chosen Moderator

Clerk L. L. Griggs was chosen Clerk

Voted That the remainder of the 2nd article be laid [illegible]

On Motion of L. H. Jones

Voted Take up the 3rd article

Mr. James of the Prudential Committee [illegible] the Treasurer reported concerning the Atch. T. and St. Fe stock, the request of Kidder Peabody & Co being read.

On Motion of Melvin North

Voted To authorize the Treasurer to transfer the voting power of the Atch. T. & St Fe stock held by the Parish, to George C. Magrane and others Trustees

Voted To adjourn to Saturday March 4th [illegible] o'clock P.M.

L. L. Griggs Parish Clerk

Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting
Saturday March 1, 1913

Met according to adjournment

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

After the reading of the Record of the last meeting, the Clerk resigns, on account of his removal from town.

Voted: On motion of E. B. Brown
To accept the resignation of the Clerk.

Clerk: Geo. H. Streeter was chosen Clerk.

Prudential Committee: [illegible] were chosen Prudential Committee.

Treasurer: H. F. Brown was chosen Treasurer.

Collector: Melvin Booth was chosen Collector

Auditor: E. B. Brown was chosen Auditor.

Voted: That the remainder of the 2nd article be laid upon the table.

Report of Treasurer: Report of Treasurer was called for and given by the Treasurer H. F. Brown

Voted to accept Treasurers report when approved by Auditor: To accept the report of the Treasurer when approved by the Auditor

Voted to adjourn to March 29: Voted on motion to adjourn to Saturday March 29, at 2 o'clock P.M.

Voted: To Adjourn

Geo. H. Streeter Parish Clerk

Second Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting
Sat. March 27th 1897

Met according to adjournment

Meeting called to order by the Moderator

The following communication from the church was presented to
At a meeting of this church held [illegible]
[illegible] 1890 it was voted that [illegible]
[illegible] this church wish [illegible]
[illegible] services of Rev. M. L. Richardson [illegible]
[illegible] pastor for another [illegible]
[illegible] the Parish to unite with us in securing
the same.
Voted — That a committee of one be chosen
[illegible] notify the Parish of the action of the church
[illegible] M. L. Richardson [illegible]
[illegible] Four votes were [illegible] in the negative.
A true [illegible] attest
E. [illegible] Church Clerk.

Voted [illegible] of the second article.

[illegible] 15th

Voted That the Parish unite with the church in inviting Rev. M. L. Richardson to remain as their acting Pastor for another year.

On motion of E. C. Marsh
Voted To choose a committee of one to carry into effect the foregoing motion

Committee M. H. Corbin was chosen that Committee

Voted To take up the fourth article

[illegible]

Voted To offer Rev. M. L. Richardson a Salary [illegible]
Fifty [illegible], Except a storeroom. With the privilege of being absent two Sabbaths.

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Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting
Saturday March 29th 1890.

On motion of Marcus Hitchcock
[illegible] "; music with the Prudential Committee"

On motion of E. C. Marsh
To choose a Soliciting committee of five to solicit funds for the Expenses of the Parish for the coming year

Melvin Booth
F. C. Hubbard } were chosen that Committee

[illegible]

To apply the income of Ministerial Fund [illegible]

To take up the fifth article

On motion of Melvin Booth
To authorize the treasurer with the approval of the Prudential Committee to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and the current Expenses of the society

On motion of E. C. Marsh
That the fourth article be left open till the next meeting

On motion of E. C. Marsh
To adjourn to May 3rd at 3 o'clock P.M. 1890.

[illegible]
Parish Clerk

Filed Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting
Saturday May 2nd 1896.

Met according to adjournment.

Meeting called to order by the moderator.

After the reading of the records of last meeting the following [illegible] were passed - viz.

To the First Congregational Church and Parish Springfield Mass.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Springfield Mass.

[illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Voted To adjourn.

Geo. H. Stacy Parish Clerk.

1891

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting
Monday February 9th 1891

Hampden S.S.

To [illegible] Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the [illegible] said Society [illegible] of the Parish [illegible] February next at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz;

First — To choose a moderator to preside at said Meeting

Second — To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the ensuing year, also all committees and agents the business of the Parish may require.

Third — To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer and any Committee or Agents heretofore chosen.

Fourth — To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of singing, payment of debts and current expenses of the Society, and [illegible] adopted to secure the same

Fifth — To see [illegible] will authorize the Treasurer [illegible] for the payment of Parish debts and current Expenses.

Sixth — To see what measures the Parish will take in regard to the settlement of the Pastor [illegible] contract with Rev M. L. Richardson.

Seventh — To see if the Parish will take any measures to repair or paint the Church.

1891
(Continued)

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting Monday February 9th 1891

And you are hereby directed to cause this Warrant to be posted or a attested copy of the same at the Meeting house seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to me at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this thirtieth day of January A.D. 1891

Henry F. Brown } Prudential
[illegible] Cooke } Committee

Brimfield Mass January 30 1891 I have served the foregoing warrant as therein directed

George H. [illegible] Town Clerk

1891

Annual Parish Meeting Saturday February ninth 1891.

Meeting was called to order by the Clerk

After the reading of the warrant

Moderator — Charles A Hobner was chosen moderator

Clerk — George H. Streeter was chosen clerk

Prudential Committee — D. W. Jones, H. F. Brown, H. Corbin — were chosen Prudential Committee

Treasurer — H. F. Brown was chosen treasurer

Collector — Minor H. Corbin was chosen collector

Auditor — E. B. Brown was chosen auditor

Report of Treasurer — The report of the treasurer was called for and given by the treasurer H. F. Brown.

Voted to Accept $100 of Mrs. J. H. Brown — To accept of Mrs. James H. Brown, the one hundred dollars presented by her to the Parish, and to instruct the clerk in behalf of the Parish to express their thank for the same

Voted — On Motion of H. F. Brown
That a committee of three be chosen to ascertain the best method to secure funds for the current expences of the Parish for the ~~present~~ coming year

Voted — That the moderator appoint the committee

Com — H. F. Brown, E. B. Brown, M. H. Corbin, were appointed that Committee

Voted — To pass over Article 5th

Voted — That when we adjourn we adjourn till Sat. April 11, at 10 o'clock P. M.

Voted — To Adjourn

George H Streeter Parish Clerk

First Ad. Annual Parish Meeting Saturday April Eleventh 1891

Meeting called [illegible] being absent

Moderator N. S. Hubbard was chosen moderator [illegible]

Application Mr Lewis S. Allen's application was received [illegible]

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted That Mr Allen be allowed to act at this meeting as though a member while his application is [illegible]

Report The report of the committee chosen at the last meeting was called for and given by H. F. Brown

Voted On motion of E. B. Brown
That the Prudential Committee cause to be prepared subscription papers to secure funds for Parish Expenses as follows
First on the semiannual plan as now done
Second on the monthly envelope system and
Third That the Church be asked to take action upon the question of appropriating a part of monthly collections [illegible]

Voted On Motion of E. B. Brown
[illegible] matter of music and singing [illegible] with the Prudential Committee

Voted On motion of H. F. Brown
[illegible] appropriating money [illegible] passed over

On motion H. F. Brown

Voted To pass over Art. 5th

On motion E. B. Brown

Voted That the matter of the St Louis & San Francisco stocks be left with the Prudential Committee [illegible] authority to act in the premises.

1891

(Continued)

First Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting Saturday April Eleventh 1891.

On motion of Mr Allen
Voted That when we adjourn we adjourn till April 25th at 2 o'clock P.M.

On motion of Mr Allen
Voted To pass over Art. 6.

On motion of E.B. Brown
Voted That the Parish choose a committee of three to get Estimates on the talked of repairs on the church and report at the next meeting

On motion of E.B. Brown
Voted That the moderator appoint the committee

Committee E.B. Brown, H.F. Brown, J.S. [illegible] were appointed that committee

On motion of H.F. Brown
Voted That J.S. [illegible] be added to the committee

On motion of Mr Allen
Voted That one be added to the Prudential Committee to solicit funds.

Committee E.C. Marsh was chosen that committee

Voted to adjourn

George H. Streeter Parish Clerk

Seco[illegible] Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting Saturday
April 23rd 1831

[illegible] according to advertisement and there
not being a quorum present the meeting
was adjourned [illegible]

[illegible] Parish Clerk

1891

Warrant for Parish Meeting
Saturday May 2, 1891

Hampden S.S.

To George H Streeter Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall on Saturday May 2, A.D. 1891 at two o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz:

First — To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second — To see if the Parish will make any change in the rule for admission of members, also to act on any applications presented for membership.

Third — To see if the Parish will vote to alter the windows of the church, or make any other alterations or repairs of the church building.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting house seven day at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of April A.D. 1891.

Henry F. Brown } Prudential
Geo. H Carter } Committee

Brimfield Mass April 25, 1891

I have served the foregoing Warrant as therein directed

George H Streeter Parish Clerk.

Parish Meeting Saturday May 2, 1891

Meeting called to order by the C[illegible] [illegible] reading of the Warrant

Moderator — V. S. Hubbard was chosen moderator

On Motion of H. F. Brown

Voted — To take up article 2nd

The Prudential Committee present the following applications, Lewis S. Allen, Arthur B. Brown, George E. [illegible], Lewis Agard to become members of the Parish.

Voted — To admit them as members of the Parish

[illegible] H. F. [illegible]

Voted — That the Prudential Committee receive all ~~applications~~ certificates of persons who wish to become members of the Society and present thier names at a meeting of the Society the Warrant therefor containing an article [illegible] admission [illegible] members, to the next future meeting of the society to be acted upon. A twothirds vote of the members present shall be required for the admission of a person as a member.

To admit members

[illegible] Saturday [illegible] 1891 [illegible] Parish [illegible] Parish Clerk

1891

Third Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting Sat. May 2, 1891

The report of the committee chosen at the last meeting was called for and given by N. S. Hubbard.

On Motion of H. F. Brown

Voted That the next meeting [illegible] be Saturday May 16, 1891 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Voted On Motion of W. H Corbin

That the Trustees with the Church in inviting Rev M. L. Richardson to remain as our Pastor after June 1st either party to have the right to terminate the contract by giving three months notice. On the same terms as last year.

W. H. Corbin and N. S. Hubbard were chosen to inform Rev M. L. Richardson of the action of the Parish

Voted To Adjourn

George H. Shute Parish Clerk

Fourth Adjourned Church Parish Meeting Sat. Aug 12. 1871.

Met according to adjournment and
pursuant to call by order of the moderator S. S. Hubbard

On motion of W. H. Cooke

Voted So much of the Trustees report as may be necessary for Parish Expenses.

On motion of L. S. Allen

Voted That the matter of the supply of the pulpit be left with the Prudential Committee

See report of the committee [illegible]
[illegible] L. S. Allen

On motion of H. P. Brown

Voted That a committee of five [illegible] be hereby authorized to make the following alterations and repairs that shall seem best

First To change the windows from the present form to [illegible] with muffled octagonal or decorated ground glass for the audience room using the old glass of present as cut to suitable size for lower room.

~~Second~~ Second To paint the exterior of the house one coat, with two coats for the steeple and have the balls and vane guilded.

Third To have the audience room as the church now [illegible] and down nearly to the casement of the windows, covered with stamped steel ceiling, and [illegible] sides to be properly painted, or the committee may have the present ceiling replastered so far as needed and properly painted and frescoed.

Voted That the Louisa S. Whitcomb fund and the donation from estate of James H. Brown be appropriated for the above purpose, and the aforesaid committee are authorized to make the above alterations and repairs in the order above and so far as the necessary funds therefor are secured by said committee or otherwise

1891
(Continued)

Fourth Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting Sat May 16 1891

On motion of H. F. Brown
Voted That the committee be chosen by nomination

Committee N. S. Hubbard
E. S. Allen
H. F. Brown
W. H. Corbin
O. W. Jones

Voted To adjourn to Saturday June 6, 1891
George H Streeter Parish Clerk

Warrant for Parish Meeting Monday Aug. 24, 1891.

Hampden S.S.

To George H. Slade [illegible]
[illegible]ional Society of Brimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at [illegible] the twenty fourth day of August instant at [illegible] of the clock in the afternoon, then and there to act upon the following articles viz:

First To choose a moderator preside at said meeting

Second To hear and act upon the report of the Undertaker committee, Treasurer, and any committee or agent of said Society.

Also to choose any committee or agent the business of the Society may require.

Third: To see if the Society will ratify and confirm the acts of the committee chosen to make certain alterations and repairs on the church, and paint the exterior and audience room of the same, in the changes they have made, in doing the above work, from the provisions of the vote under which they were chosen.

Fourth To see if the Society will authorize the aforesaid Committee, or another that may be chosen to procure new entrance doors for the church, and make such further repairs of the audience room Stairways, vestibule and vestry of the church, as the Parish funds to be necessary and approve, provided sufficient funds are secured to defray the expences of the same, and the Parish are relieved from all expenses therefor.

Also. To make such further additions to or repairs of the church building as the Parish may [illegible] proper.

1891
(Continued)

Warrant for Parish Meeting Monday Aug. 24, 1891.

and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the place of meeting

Given under our hands [illegible]

H. F. Brown } Prudential
M. H Corbin } Committee

Brimfield August 15, 1891 I have served the foregoing warrant as therein directed

George H Streeter Parish Clerk

Parish Meeting Monday Aug. 24, 1891.

Meeting was called to order by the Clerk

After the reading of the Warrant

Moderator. Chas. A Homer was chosen moderator

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted The the carpet given by Mr Ormes be allowed to remain where it now is

On motion of Mr. Allen

Voted That the ladies be allowed to use as much of the old carpet about the church as they desire to and that the rest be disposed of by the Prudential Committee

On Motion of E.B. Brown

Voted That the Parish ratify and confirm the acts of the committee chosen to make alterations and repairs on the church building

Whereas N. S. Hubbard and Miner H Corbin have offered to collect the subscriptions secured for repairs of the church, as they become due, this season and April 1st next, and apply the proceeds to the payment of the bills for repairs of the church and advance such sums as may be necessary to pay bills in advance of the collections aforesaid

Voted That the Parish accept the proposition of Messrs Hubbard and Corbin and that the Treasurer be authorized to assign the aforesaid subscription to them for that purpose, also pay to said Hubbard and Corbin the amount of the Louisa S. Whitcomb fund, and the donation of Mrs J. H. Brown, for said purpose

On Motion of E.B. Brown

Voted That the committee on repairs complete the work assigned them by the Parish. Also that

1891
(Continued)

Parish Meeting Monday Aug 24, 1891

Said committee be authorized to put in such Entrance doors, to make such repairs of the audience room, Stairway, vestibule and vestry of the church as the committee finds to be necessary, and approve. Provided sufficient funds are secured to defray the expenses of the same and the Parish are relieved from all expense therefor.

On motion of L. S. Allen
Voted That the Prudential Committee be authorized to build privies for the accommodation of the church

On motion of H. F. Brown
Voted To adjourn till Monday Oct. 5, 1.30 o'clock PM 1891

Geo H Streeter Parish Clerk

1891

Ad Parish Meeting Monday Oct. 5, 1891

Met according to adjournment
Meeting called to order by the Moderator

The records of the last meeting were read

On motion of E. B. Brown
Voted To reconsider the vote taken at the last meeting in regard to the carpet given by Mr Cowell
The original motion that the carpet be allowed to remain was not carried

On motion of E. B. Brown
Voted That the carpeting of the audience room of the church be left with the ladies

On motion of N. S. Hubbard
Voted That it be left with the Prudential Committee to negotiate for the horse sheds belonging to the estates of William Foskett and Jonathan Emerson and any others that they see fit to purchase

On motion of E. B. Brown
Voted That the thanks of the Parish be extended to Chas L. Snow and wife for their donation of one hundred dollars, and to John N. Hubbard for his donation of one hundred dollars also to Messrs Blair and Buxton for their donation of fifty dollars for the repairs of the church building.

On motion of M. H. Corbin
Voted That the Clerk write a letter to each of these parties to express the thanks of the Parish or to any other nonresidents who may contribute for same purpose

On motion of H. F. Brown
Voted That the committee on repairs be authorized to make such repairs on the vestry ladies parlor and kitchen as they find to be necessary

1891
(Continued)

Ad. Parish Meeting Monday Oct. 5, 1891

On motion of H F Brown
Voted To adjourn till Monday Oct. 12, 1891 at 1 30 o'clock P.M.

Geo. H. Streeter Parish Clerk

Warrant for Parish meeting Monday Dec. 14, 1871.

State of Mass. S.S.

To George H Streeter Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Rimfield

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall on Monday the 14th day of December instant at half past one o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles viz:

First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To see if the Parish will unite with the church or a committee of the church in extending an invitation to Rev Wilbur Rand to become our Pastor, and if so, pass all votes and orders necessary to effect the same. Or to see what measures the Parish will adopt to secure as Pastor Rev Wilbur Rand or any other person who has or may hereafter be presented as a candidate for Pastor.

Third To hear and act on the report of any committee or agents heretofore chosen, also to choose any committee or agents the business of the Parish may require.

Fourth To hear and act on the applications of any persons to become members of the Parish

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meetinghouse seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

1891.
(Continued)

Warrant for Parish Meeting Monday Dec. 14, 1891.

Hereof fail not and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this Fourth day of December A.D. 1891.

Henry F. Brown } Prudential
M. H. Corbin } Committee

Brimfield December 5th 1891. I have served the foregoing warrant as therein directed.

George H Streeter Clerk.

Parish meeting adjourned Dec. [illegible] 1891

[illegible] called to order by the Clerk.

After the reading of the Warrant

Moderator [illegible] was chosen Moderator.

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted to [illegible] a tax

[illegible] was voted to be raised and [illegible]

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted [illegible] be offered [illegible] and [illegible] additions to their good [illegible]

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted That this committee be appointed by the Moderator

H. F. Brown
Committee M. H. Corbin
G. H. Streeter

On motion of H. F. Brown

Voted That the Parish unite with a committee of the church chosen for that purpose in extending an invitation to the Rev. Wilbur Rond to become our Pastor. Four voting for and none against

On motion of G. H. Corbin

Voted [illegible] Rev. [illegible] a salary of Eight hundred dollars, [illegible] Parsonage, except a store room in the house, and the first scaffold of the barn, for storage of Parsonage [illegible] the privilege of [illegible] the [illegible] provided [illegible] be terminated by either parties giving [illegible] months notice [illegible]

1891

(Continued)

Parish meeting Monday Dec. 14, 1891

On motion of Geo. H. Streeter
Voted That the Parish committee notify Rev. Wilbur Rand of the action taken by the Parish

On motion of E. C. Marsh
Voted To adjourn to Sat. Jan. 2, 1892 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Geo. H. Streeter Parish Clerk

See of letter to Rev. W. Rand found on page 160

1892

Parish Meeting Jan. 2, 1892
Met according to adjournment and as only a few members were present the meeting was adjourned to Thursday Jan. 7th at 2 o'clock P.M.

Geo. H. Streeter Clerk.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Appointed

E. A. Brown [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Called

On motion of [illegible] H. Steele
[illegible] the fence and the [illegible]
[illegible] Parsonage

Voted

On motion of J. J. Thomas
that the fence in front of the Parsonage
[illegible] the Prudential Committee.

Voted

That the Prudential Committee be hereby
authorized and instructed [illegible]
of Rev. M. J. Richardson against the
First Methodist Liza. Society of Bangor
[illegible] H. Steele [illegible]

1892.

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting Monday February 8, 1892.

To George H. Steele, Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Berrifield.

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall on Monday the eighth day of February next at one o'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles, viz;

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To hear and act upon the report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer, and any committee or agents heretofore chosen.

Third To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the ensuing year; Also all committees and agents the business of the Parish may require.

Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of singing, payment of current expenses of the Parish and Parish debts, and determine what method shall be adopted to raise the same.

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and expenses.

Sixth To see what action, if any, the Parish will take with the owners of Horse Sheds, who use them contrary to the conditions on which they were erected and sold.

Seventh To see what action, if any, the Parish will take in relation to a piece of their land occupied by Edward Rice.

Eighth. To hear and act on the report of the Committee chosen to prepare By Laws for the Parish.

Ninth. To see if the Parish will change the time for the Annual Meeting, also the time for the close of Financial Year.

And you are directed to notify this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting house [illegible] days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.—

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to me at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this [illegible] day of January, A.D. 1892.

Henry F. Brown
M. H. Corbin } Parish Committee.

Brimfield, February 1st. 1892.

I have warned the foregoing warrant as therein directed.

Geo. H. Streeter
Clerk.

Annual Parish meeting Monday Feb. 8, 1892.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk

After the reading of the Warrant

Moderator E. B. Brown was chosen moderator

On motion of J. R. Brown

Voted That the report of the Prudential committee be given

The Prudential Committee report that they have paid Rev M. S. Richardson his claim as directed by the Parish

On Motion of D. W. Jones

Voted To adjourn to H. F. Brown's resident as he is not able to be present

Report of Treasurer Report of the treasurer was given by the treasurer H. F. Brown.

On Motion of H. F. Brown

Voted To take up art. 3.

Clerk Geo. A. Hunter was chosen clerk and sworn by H. F. Brown Justice of Peace

Prudential Committee D. W. Jones, M. H. Corbin, D. S. Hubbard } were chosen Prudential Committee

Treasurer E. B. Brown was chosen Treasurer

Collector M. H. Corbin was chosen Collector

Auditor Geo. A. Furness was chosen Auditor

On motion of J. R. Brown

Voted To take up art. 6.

Annual Parish Meeting Monday Feb. 5, 1872

On motion of H. T. Jones
Voted: That a committee be appointed to investigate the matter of Horsesheds so that the rights of the Parish may be protected and report at a future meeting

Committee { L. W. Jones, H. T. Brown, J. R. Brown } were chosen that committee

On motion of H. T. Brown
Voted: That the same committee act in act 7.

On motion of M. H. Carlin
Voted: That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the payment of Parish expenses

On motion of H. T. Brown
Voted: That a committee of three be chosen to solicit subscriptions for such parts of our Parish expenses for the current year as shall not be received from invested funds

Com. { H. J. Hudson, E. C. Parish, [illegible] } were chosen that committee

On motion of L. W. Jones
Voted: To adj. to Saturday April 6 at 1 o'clock P.M.
Geo. H. Stubbs Parish Clerk

Adj Parish Meeting Sat. April 9. 1892.

Meeting Called to order by the moderator

The records of the last meeting were called for and read by the Clerk

[illegible]

[illegible]

Voted [illegible]

[illegible]

Voted [illegible] each

[illegible]

Voted to change the time of holding the annual meeting from the 2nd Mon. in Feb. to the 2nd Monday of Jan.

Change in time of Annual Meeting

Voted [illegible] the Prudential Committee

On motion of M. H. Corbin

Voted To adj to Sat. April 30, 1892 3 o'clock P.M.

Geo. H. Streeter Parish Clerk

Adj. Parish Meeting Sat. Apr. 30, 1892.

Met according to adjournment
Meeting called to order by the moderator.

Clerk E.C. Marsh was chosen Clerk Protem

Voted That the report of the committee on the repairs made on the Parsonage house be accepted and placed.

Voted To accept the resignation of E.B. Brown as Treasurer

Voted To proceed to choose a Treasurer.

Treasurer M. H. Corbin was chosen Treasurer.

Voted To raise and appropriate so much money as will with the Ministerial fund make Eight hundred ($800.) dollars for salary of Pastor for current year.

Voted That the matter of music be left with the Parish Committee.

Voted To authorize the Treasurer to borrow money if necessary for Parish expenses.

Voted That the Parish committee be added to the committee on Sheds. and act therein.

Voted That the matter of furnishing the Parsonage Shed be left with this committee.

Geo. H. Stone Parish Clerk.

1892.

Warrant for Parish Meeting Sat. Sept. 10, 1892.

Hampden S.S.

To George H. Streeter Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Mass.

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall on Saturday the tenth day of Sept. A.D. 1892. at 2 o'clock P.M. there and then to act on the following articles. viz.

First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To see what action the Parish will take in regard to changing the location of the furnace or procuring some better and more satisfactory draft to the same and to make any alterations or changes found necessary to carry the same into effect in the church building. Also to see all water and choose any committee necessary for the carrying the same into effect

Third To hear and act on the report of any committee or agents heretofore chosen also to choose any committee or agents or transact any other business the Parish may require.

Fourth To fill any vacancy that has or may occur in the Officers of the Parish or any committee heretofore chosen.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting house seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Fail not and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon to me at the time and place of meeting.

1892

Continued

(Warrant for Parish Meeting Sat Sept. 10, 1892)

Given under our hands this second day of August A.D. 1892.

D. W. Jones
W. H. Corbin
N. S. Hubbard
} Parishioners Committee

Brimfield, Sept. 3, 1892 I have served the foregoing warrant as therein directed

George H. Streeter Parish Clerk

1892.

Parish Meeting Sat. Sept. 10, 1892

Meting called to order by the Clerk
After the reading of the warrant
N.S. Hubbard was chosen Moderator.

On motion of E.B. Brown
Voted To move the East furnace to the North end of the vestry

On motion of E.B. Brown
Voted That the matter of moving the furnace should be left to the Executive committee with authority to move them if they choose.

Voted To adjourn till four weeks from today at 2 o'clock P.M.

Geo. H. Streeter Parish Clerk.

Subscriptions for repairs on 1st. Cong'l Church
Brimfield, Mass., 1891.

		Cr.		
	Newton S. Hubbard	$250	00	
	John N. Hubbard	100	00	
	Edward Brown	100	00	
	Miner H. Corbin	100	00	
Mrs.	Lucy R. Foster	100	00	
Mrs.	Anne H. Brown	100	00	
	Arthur B. Brown	50	00	
	Elisha C. Marsh	100	00	
	Marcus Hitchcock	50	00	
	David H. Janes	25	00	
	Dr. R. V. Sawin	30	00	
	Porter A. Parker	25	00	
	Charles A. Homer	25	00	
	Lucius A. Cutler	25	00	Note Collectable.
	William S. Janes	20	00	
	Lucius Agard	12	00	
	D. Vanclow Foskett	10	00	
	James Reed Brown	10	00	
Mrs.	Rebecca C. Agard	10	00	
	George H. Streeter	5	00	
	George A. Furness	5	00	
	Henry F. Brown & Friends	45	00	
	George L. Agard	2	00	
	Non Residents			
	Elias L. Snow	75	00	
	James S. Blair	25	00	
	William S. Burton	25	00	
	James M. Russell	35	00	
	John A. Mc. Kinstry	20	00	
	George F. Kenney	15	00	
	William Sutcliffe	5	00	
	Total by subscription			$1384.00
Rec'd. from Parish	Whitcomb fund & interest	$218	55	
	A. H. Brown fund	100	00	
	Paid by Parish other than above	280	71	
	Total by Parish			$577.26
	Whole Amount.			$1983.26

Cash paid for repairs
on 1st. Congregational Church
Barnfield, Mass., 1891.

Kirkham & Hyde steel plating on ceiling	$ 20.	00
W. W. Richards for windows.	425.	00
C. J. Shumacher for painting outside of church & frescoing ceiling to audience room	544.	00
C. J. Shumacher extra painting on spire	20.	00
C. J. Shumacher painting pews & wainscoting	85.	00
" " " Sash in audience room:	20.	00
" " " Walls & varnishing vestry	16.	00
" " " Fixing walls, painting & frescoing vestibule & stairways	80.	00
Fixing walls to Ladies' Parlor by Shumacher	15.	00
" " to Kitchen " "	8.	00
Building Stagings, use of lumber & extras &c.	62.	20
W. W. Richards for door & hanging	67.	13
Interest on Bank Note	7.	00
Fixing Walls, painting & frescoeing vestry	90.	07

Amount paid for repairs		$ 1859. 40
Incidental expenses other than the above		$ 123. 86
Total expense		$ 1983. 26
416¼ yds. carpeting laid & lined @ .62½	260. 15	
Freight, carpet lining & board bill &c.	6. 13	
Total expense of carpet		$ 266. 28
Curtain & fixtures for singers	16. 80	
Whole expense		$ 2266. 34

Cash rec'd. for repairs on 1st. Cong'l Church
Brimfield, Mass., 189[illegible].

Amount of contributions	$1384.[illegible]
Paid by Parish	5[illegible].[illegible]6
Amount of contributions for carpet	266.[illegible]
Amount of contributions for [illegible] and fixtures for singers	16.80
Total	$2266.34

Respectfully submitted
M. H. Corbin for the Committee.

1873.

[illegible] Parish Meeting
Jan. 7, 1873.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Society of Brimfield, Mass.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby warned to [illegible] the members of said society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Monday, the ninth day of January next, at two o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles, viz.

First. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second. To choose all necessary officers for the year [illegible]; also all committees and agents the affairs of the Parish may require.

Third. To hear and act on the reports of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer and any committees or agents heretofore chosen.

Fourth. To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of singing, payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish, and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth. To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current expenses.

Sixth. To do any other business necessary and proper to be done, that the business of the Parish may [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

1893.

Annual Parish Meeting, Jan. 7, 1893.

A meeting of the Parish was called to order at Mobile, Jan. 7, 1893, by C. H. Lewis, Senior Member of the Vestry, who read the warrant, after which C. D. Bonner was chosen Moderator and R. A. Thomas, Clerk Pro Tem.

On application of C. D. Allendorf admission to the Parish was granted.

It was then voted to adjourn to Sat. Jan. 14, 1893 at 8 P.M.

Rec. Thomas
Clerk, Pro Tem.

Ad. Public Meeting, Sat. Jan. [illegible]

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

The record of the last meeting called for was read by the Clerk.

Clerk. J. W. Hitchcock was appointed ~~moderator~~ pro tem.

Voted That E. B. Allen be substituted to the Parish.

Voted On motion of Mr. Hitchcock to elect three Prudential Committee.

Pruden-tial Com. D. W. Jance, N. S. Hubbard, M. H. Corbin were chosen Prudential Committee.

Trea-surer. M. H. Corbin was chosen Treasurer.

Collector. J. H. Jance was chosen Collector.

Auditor. E. B. Allen was chosen auditor.

Voted. On motion of M. H. Corbin to take up Art. 3.

Report of Rev. Com. The report of the Prudential Committee was called for and given by D. W. Jance, Chairman.

Voted On motion of J. H. Allen that the report of the Prudential Committee be accepted.

Treasurer's Report. was called for and given by the Treasurer M. H. Corbin.

1893.
(cont)

2d. Parish meeting Sat. Jan. 14 1893.
On motion of G. A. Furness
Voted that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Letter. The following letter from Rev. Wilbur Rand was read.

Brimfield, Mass
Dec. 31, 1892.

To the members of the Parish Committee of the First Congregational Church of Brimfield, Mass.

Brethren:

According to the terms of the call which you extended to me one year ago to become your Pastor, either party may terminate the connection by giving four months notice to that effect.

~~months prior notice such~~ I now and hereby give notice and propose that my relations and contract with this church and parish as its Pastor may cease on the last day of Sept. Apr. 1893, provided it is deemed advisable by either one or both of the parties to the contract at that time that it should then cease.

Voted. On motion of W. H. Corbin that we accept the communication of Rev. Wilbur Rand to the Parish, giving notice of the termination of his contract with the church and Parish as Pastor, the same to take effect the last day of Apr. 1893. The above vote was unanimous.

Voted To take up Art. 4.

Voted That the income of Hyde fund be appropriated for current expenses of Parish and support of singing.

[illegible]

Voted On motion of A. W. Jones to [illegible] abbreviated [illegible] the income of the ministerial [illegible] $800 for the support of [illegible] for the current year.

Voted [illegible]

Committee
G. A. Furness
A. S. [illegible]
C. C. [illegible]

Voted To take up article 5.

Voted That the [illegible] money for the payment of Parish debts and current expenses [illegible].

Voted To take up article 6.

Voted That the same committee on horse sheds which was chosen at [illegible] and be authorized to [illegible] necessary [illegible] and [illegible] erecting the [illegible] a piece of land owned by the [illegible] and occupied by Edward [illegible] the rights of the [illegible] as [illegible].

Voted To fill the vacancy [illegible] by the death of Mr. A. Brown.
C. B. Brown chosen to fill Mr. A. Brown's place in committee.

Voted On motion of L. S. Allen that the Clerk be instructed to present Rev. W. Rand with a copy of the vote relating to his salary [illegible] tion.

1870
(Continued)

Pd. Final Mail up to Sept. 1893.

Voted [illegible] of S. J. Allen that a committee [illegible] be appointed to see what can be done regarding a charter, and report to the Constitution Committee

Voted That a committee be [illegible] consideration

Cons. G. S. [illegible] | [illegible] Chas
G. B. Allen | Chas committee
W. S. Allen

Voted. That when we adj., we adj. to Sat. Aug. 27, 2 o'clock, P.M.

Voted To adjourn.

[illegible] Vice Pres

Adj. Parish Meeting Oct. [illegible] 29, 1873.

[illegible] called to order by the Moderator.

The records of the last meeting were read & on motion of [illegible] [illegible].

Voted To accept the report of the Clerk.

Voted To hear the report of the Committee chosen to see what could be done about a chorister.

E. B. Brown reported for that committee.

Rev. W. Rand asked to make a statement.

Voted On motion of N. S. Westbrook that Rev. W. Rand be allowed to make any statement he chooses to the meeting.

Voted On motion of D. W. Jones that a nominating committee be chosen.

The Parish Committee were chosen that committee.

Voted For a new chorister Rev. W. Rand be retained

No unanimous.

Voted That if one month's salary cannot be raised within one month by subscription, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay W. Rand one month's salary.

Moved that the Clerk be authorized to notify Mr. Rand of the action of the Parish.

1873
(continued)

[illegible] June 24, 1873.

Vote: That G. A. Hinchman be chosen to circulate a subscription paper to raise money to pay Mr. Rand one month's salary.

[illegible]
[illegible]

Warrant for Parish Meeting Wed. July 12, 1893
Hampden S.S.

To Geo. H. Shaw, Third Parish Clerk or Designated Member of Parish Mass.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Springfield in said County on the 12th day of July next at ten o'clock A.M. then and there to act on the following articles

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To see and act on the question of the recommendation of the Prudential Committee in regard to Extending a Call to the Rev. C. Lavarre to become our pastor, and if so, to see what vote, if any, shall be passed, and to do all such votes as may be necessary to carry the same into effect

Third To hear and act on any report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer or any Committee or Agents heretofore chosen

Fourth To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interests of the Parish may require

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy at the Parish Hall seven day at least before the time for holding said meeting

1893.
(Continued)

Warrant for Parish Meeting Wed July 12. 1893

First fail not and make due return hereof with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of Meeting ~~this Fourth~~ Given under our hands this fourth day of July A. D. 1893

[illegible] } Prudential Committee

Springfield July 5th 1893 I have served the following Warrant as therein directed
Geo. H. Streeter Clerk.

1893

Parish Meeting Wed. July 12, 1893

Meeting called to order by J. T. Hubbard & he read the warrant, after which,

Moderator H. S. Hubbard was chosen moderator.

Secy Pro Tem G. A. Furness was chosen Secy. pro tem.

There not being enough present for a quorum it was voted to adjourn until 7 P.M.

July 12, 1893.

G. A. Furness Secy Pro Tem

[illegible] Rand
[illegible] 1894.

[illegible]

Herewith please find copy
[illegible] Parish or Congregational
Society of Trumfield as passed at a meeting of the
[illegible] Sunday Dec 14th A.D. 1891

[illegible] that the Parish unit
[illegible] chosen for
[illegible] tion to
[illegible] become our Pastor carried by
a vote of four in the affr. and none of the six
voting against it.

[illegible] Wilbur
Rand an annual salary of Eight Hundred dollars
and the use of the Parsonage, except a store room
as heretofore reserved in the house, and the East
scaffold of the barn for storage of Parish property,
[illegible] payable in equally quarterly payments,
with the privilege of being absent two sabbaths
[illegible] your
[illegible] get.

[illegible] George H. Strecker that the Parish
[illegible] notify Rev. Wilbur Rand of the action
[illegible] the Parish.

[illegible]

In transmitting the above
[illegible] the
[illegible] the
[illegible] caused
[illegible] to
[illegible]

(Continued)

Copy of the letter to Rockville Road committee on page 134.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Edward [illegible] Church
[illegible] Committee

[illegible]

[illegible] Rev. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] by the Clerk which was

[illegible]

Letter from Church

To Deacons Newton S. Hubbard, David W. Jones, and Milner H. Corbin, Prudential Committee of the First Parish, or Congl. Society of Brimfield.

Brethren

This is to notify you that at a meeting of this church held [illegible] it voted unanimously to extend a call to Rev. J. C. Labaree to become our Pastor.

Voted To choose a Committee of three to inform the Parish of the action of [illegible] and request them to take action in the premises.

Edmund Bliss
James R. Brown
George H. Streeter } Com.

[illegible]

[illegible] each [illegible] Rev. John C. Labaree to become their Pastor, at an [illegible] of eight hundred dollars [illegible] and use of Parsonage (excepting one room the house used for a store room, and [illegible]

1893
(Continued)

[illegible]

[illegible] quarterly [illegible]
Sundays of being absent [illegible] Sabbaths each year
provided that the connection may be dissolved
at any time by either party giving three months
notice to that effect.

[illegible]

Voted That the usual committee [illegible]
[illegible] of the action taken by the
Church and Parish.

Voted For adjournment.

[illegible] Church

Copy of letter to Rev T. C. [illegible]

Copy of letter [illegible] Rev. [illegible]

[illegible]

Congregational Church [illegible] unanimously
[illegible] that [illegible]
duly the "Votes" [illegible] extend an invitation to you to become the
Pastor. Also to invite the First [illegible]
Society of Brimfield Mass. [illegible]
in the above invitation.

[illegible] First Parish
or Congregational Society [illegible]
Brimfield Mass. held [illegible] 1893 it was unanimously voted the minute with
the Church in the above invitation. Also
to offer you an annual salary of eight hundred
dollars ($800) and the use of the Parsonage
[illegible] section of one room in [illegible]
used as a store room and the East
scaffold in the barn). The salary to be
[illegible] quarterly [illegible]
the privilege of being absent two Sabbaths
each year. Provided that the connection

1843
(Continued)

Copy of letter to Rev. John C. Sharpe

[illegible] of [illegible] of the Society
[illegible] three months notice to that effect
[illegible] to the duty authorized agents
of the Church and Society [illegible]
[illegible] on this invitation to
[illegible] the Proper Minister and Pastor of
this Church and People. And allow us to
[illegible] that the same may be
[illegible] and that it may be a continue
[illegible] the Pastor and People.
[illegible] that the same may be offered
[illegible] consistent with [illegible]
[illegible] duties.
Respectfully Yours

[illegible] Committee
[illegible] of Church.

[illegible] Committee
[illegible] of
[illegible] the Society

Attested by George [illegible] Stricter Clerk

Copy of Rev. John Lobree's letter to the Society

Nobleboro July 25th 1892.

To the
Congregational Church
of Trumfield
Dear Friends

Your very cordial and
harmonious invitation to come to you
to preach, as touched me deeply, and my
heart has been very much drawn toward
you all. This has led me to give it
very serious and thoughtful attention. I have
sought counsel from God and from my
wisest and best friends. The advantages and
the pleasures of such a union with so united a body of
hearty people old and young are many,
and they have had great weight with me.
Your harmonious and hearty action and your
prayers have - even more than all else
deeply wished, - that I should come
to "Trumfield"? But I have not been able
to obtain a decisive voice in the matter.
For the consecrating baptism of the
Holy Ghost and of Jesus Christ
seemingly outweigh all else, I
also must trust that the
remnant of strength must be made there
for God.
Christ
constrained me to hesitate
unanimous call and to accept another
year's more feeble labor. And I am
afraid that if I expect to preach
my strength and my years can scarcely
more thoroughly than they could last year.
But I feel as if I could
make your prayers, will you pray
bright and delightful memory. May the
rest of God's blessings attend you, and the
Spirit ever be your Guide and Comforter.

(Continued)

Letter of Rev. John C. Labaree to the Society

[illegible] not labor side by side
or the Savior here beyond [illegible] all
be gathered to rejoice together in
one above.

[illegible] the warmest affections and
prayers. Believe me most
[illegible] your friend
John C. Labaree.

George H. Streeter Parish Clerk

D. W. Jones
[illegible] Corbin
N. S. Hubbard
} Prudential Committee

I have served this warrant as herein directed

G. A. Furness Collector

Posted by Geo. H. Streeter Parish Clerk

Warrant for Parish Meeting on Sec. 11, 1893.

Franklin SS.

To Geo. A. Fairbanks Collector
the First Parish in Congregational Society of
Bernardston

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said society to meet at the Parish House in said Bernardston on the third Monday of September, being the 11th day of the month, at ten o'clock A.M. then and there to act on the following articles.

First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To see if the Parish will vote with the Church in extending an invitation to some one pastor to be joint pastor over the society, or any thing else relative to a candidate for Pastor, and have all votes and votes necessary to carry the same into effect

Third To hear and act on the report of committees or agents heretofore chosen, and to choose any committees or agents, and to do any other business necessary and proper to be done at said meeting

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the entrance of the house seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to me at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this second day of September A.D. 1893

(Overleaf Page)

1883.

First Meeting Society Sept. 12, 1883

[illegible] G. A. Furness
Collector: who read the warrant.

[illegible] H. S. Mitchell was chosen moderator

[illegible]

[illegible] communication was [illegible]

At a meeting of the First Cong. Church [illegible] Field Mass. held Sept 12th 1883 it [illegible] voted unanimously to extend an invitation [illegible] Robert J. Kyle to become thier Pastor; [illegible] First Parish Cong. Parish [illegible] Society of Brimfield Mass., to unite with them [illegible] above invitation.

[illegible] committee; also to inform [illegible] the First Parish Society.

Julia T. Brown
Arthur B. Brown } Com.
George A Furness

[illegible] Parish [illegible] the First Cong. Church of Brimfield extending an invitation to Robert J. Kyle [illegible]yer, Mass., to become our Pastor, also to [illegible] him an annual salary of eight hundred [illegible]ollars ($800.) and the use of the parsonage (with [illegible]ception of one room in the house used as a [illegible]om, and the East scaffold in the barn) [illegible] buildings to be rented without mutual consent of both Pastor and Com., and [illegible]ted the avails shall go to the Parish. [illegible] equal quarterly pay[illegible] [illegible] of being absent two [illegible] the connection [illegible] either party giving three months notice to that effect.

[illegible]ted To adjourn. Geo. A. Furness Clerk Protem.
[illegible]ecorded by G. H. Streeter Clerk

1893

Letter to Rev. Robert J. Kyle

Brimfield, Mass., Sept. 18, 1893

Rev Robert J. Kyle

Dear Sir.

The First Congregational Church in Brimfield Mass. held a meeting Sept. 18, 1893, for the purpose of calling some one to become their Pastor.

Voted unanimously to extend said invitation to you. Also to invite the First Parish Congregational Society of Brimfield Mass. to unite with them in the above invitation.

At a meeting of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious worship held Sept 18 1893 it was voted unanimously to unite with the Church in the foregoing invitation.

Also to offer you as annual salary eight hundred dollars ($800) and the use of the parsonage with the exception of one room in the house used as a storeroom and the outstoffs in the barn.

No part of the buildings are to be rented without the written consent of both Pastor and Com. If rented the avails are to go to the Parish.

The salary is to be paid in quarterly payments, with the privilege of being absent two Sabbaths each year. Provided that the connection may be dissolved at any time by either party giving three months notice to that effect.

We as the duly authorized agents of the above said Church and Parish, have most cordially extended to you this invitation to become the settled minister and pastor of this Church and People.

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(Letter to Rev. Robert T. Kyle.

[illegible] to express the hope that the [illegible] be crowned by God, and that it may be a special blessing to [illegible] Boston and vicinity.

Also that the same may be effected as soon as may be consistent with the arrangements and wishes.

[illegible] } Committee of the Church

[illegible] } Committee of the Society.

Recorded by George H. Streeter Clerk.

Copy of Rev. Robert C. Ayers Reply to the Society

Ayers Mills, Sept. 12 [illegible] 3

Dear Mr. Hudson;

Dear Sir,

[illegible]

Sitting your kind invitation [illegible]
the Relief in Tennessee, I am [illegible]
to the conclusion that it is my duty
to accept the same.

When we to say that we [illegible] long
for it is so without reservation [illegible]
found so thoroughly [illegible] to Christ
I go with all my heart & [illegible]
gladly. The work is here of the Lord
for we are in the [illegible]
I may not be able to [illegible]
but I shall do my [illegible]
willing in God's time to [illegible]
work [illegible]

I remain [illegible]

R. J. Kyle.

Copied by Geo. H. Stuart Recording Clerk

1914.

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting Monday January 5, 1914.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Second [illegible]

Third [illegible] Treasurer and any [illegible] chosen.

Fourth To raise and appropriate moneys for the salary of Pastor support of Singing payment of debts, and current expences of the Parish, and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current expences

Sixth [illegible] business of the Parish [illegible]

Warrant for Second Parish Meeting
January 1, 1844.

Seventh To see what action if any the Town will take in regard to building a permanent street bridge at or near the Lawrence Mill

And you are hereby directed to give the inhabitants of said Town notice of the time and place of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty eighth day of December A.D. 1843.

[illegible]
[illegible]
Selectmen

Greenfield Jan. 1 1844 I have served the foregoing warrant as therein directed

[illegible]
Constable.

1894.

Annual Town Meeting Monday January [illegible] 1894

Meeting [illegible]

Moderator [illegible]

Clerk [illegible]

Selectmen [illegible]
Assessors [illegible]
[illegible]

Trustees [illegible]

Collector Geo. A. Furness was chosen Collector

Auditor [illegible] was chosen auditor

Voted [illegible] the [illegible]

Treasurer's Report was called for and read by the
Report Treasurer W. H. Corbin

Voted [illegible] S. H. Shaster
[illegible] Treasurer's report [illegible] approved
& ordered [illegible]

Voted [illegible] report of the Selectmen and
Selectmen [illegible] called for and given by W. H. Corbin

Voted [illegible] S. H. Shaster
that the Town committee on horse sheds
which was formerly chosen, be continued
and be authorized to make all necessary
investigations and arrangements concerning
the matter of horse sheds, and a piece of land
owned by the Parish and occupied by
Edward Bliss, so that the rights of the
Parish may be protected, and report at the
future meeting

[illegible]

[illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

[illegible] Meeting Thursday
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Southwick Clerk
[illegible] congregational
church [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] As the name of
[illegible] Massachusetts you
[illegible] society to meet
[illegible] on
[illegible] next
[illegible] and then
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] said

[illegible] the
[illegible] Rev. Robert
[illegible] this church
[illegible] visible,
[illegible] and lass
[illegible] into

[illegible] necessary and
[illegible] that the interests of-
[illegible]

[illegible] directed serve
[illegible] notice in attested
[illegible] at the meeting
[illegible] least before
[illegible] meeting

[illegible] make a return
[illegible] days [illegible]
[illegible] meeting

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Approved for Above Posting [illegible]
Nov 15, [illegible]

[illegible]
day of [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

Springfield [illegible]
[illegible]
directed

[illegible]

Parish Meeting Thursday Nov. 15, 1894.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

12 14
(Continued)

Parish Meeting Monday Dec 12 1898.

Voted [illegible]

Mr. J. S. Hulbert was [illegible] committee.

Voted [illegible] committee of five to provide entertainment to [illegible]

Mess. [illegible] J. S. Hulbert
[illegible] W. H. Carter
[illegible] Levy [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Mess. [illegible] J. S. Hulbert

Voted [illegible] adjourn

[illegible] Clerk

1695.

Assented for Inland Taxes Monday
Tuesday Jan. 14, 1695.

Chapter 1.

[illegible] Collector
[illegible] County
of Bristol [illegible]

Whereas

[illegible] the
Governor & Company of the Massachusetts Bay [illegible]
[illegible] to meet
[illegible] Hartfield on
[illegible] of January
[illegible] and there
[illegible]

[illegible] since said
[illegible]

[illegible] officers for the
[illegible] so all Committees and
[illegible] arise may
[illegible]

[illegible] of the Prudential
[illegible] Committees
[illegible]

[illegible] way for
[illegible] Pistol subject of Stringing
[illegible] present ex-
[illegible] determine
[illegible] method shall be adopted to secure
[illegible]

[illegible] authorize the
[illegible] way for the
[illegible] of Paresh [illegible] and
[illegible] Chenises.

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Warrant for Unused Land Military
Bounty Act 1855

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Change in holding annual meeting

[illegible]

City Council Pound Meeting Thurs.
April 25, 1895

Meeting called to order by the Clerk

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

1876

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday January 4 1876.

Hampden S.S.

To Geo. H. Hunter Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society Brimfield Mass.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday the seventh day of January next, at Ten o'clock A.M. then and there to act on the following articles.

First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing, also all committees and agents the business of the Parish may require.

Third To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer, and any Committees or agents heretofore chosen

Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of singing, payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money on the payment of Parish debts and current expenses.

1896
(Continued)

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday January 7, 1896.

Fifth To do any other business necessary and proper to be done; that the business of the parish may proceed.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant, by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this Sixteenth day of December A.D. 1895.

H. H. Corbin
H. S. Hubbard
E. B. Brown
} Prudential Committee

Springfield Mass., December 31, 1895
I have served the foregoing warrant as therein directed.
Geo. H. Streeter Parish Clerk.

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday January 6, 1896.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk read the warrant after which

Moderator — H. S. Hubbard was chosen moderator

Clerk — Geo. H. Steele was chosen Clerk

Prudential Committee — H. S. Hubbard, W. H. Corbin, E. B. Brown were chosen Prudential Committee.

Treasurer — W. H. Corbin was chosen Treasurer

Auditor — Arthur B Brown was chosen auditor

Collector — Reed Brown was chosen collector

Treasurer's Report — The treasurer's report was called for and given by the treasurer W. H. Corbin.

Voted — On motion of E. B. Brown That the treasurer's report be received when audited by the passed auditor of found correct.

Voted — That we make an effort to raise money enough to cancel the debt of twenty three dollars and sixty three cents, against the society

H. S. Hubbard	pledged	$25.00
E. B. Brown	"	25.00
W. H. Corbin	"	10.00
A. L. Brown	"	10.00
J. Reed Brown	"	5.00
G. H. Steele	"	2.00

1876
(Continued)

General Parish Meeting Tuesday
January 4, 1876

On motion of E. B. Brown
Voted Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow so much money as may be necessary, not exceeding Eight Hundred Dollars ($800) for the salary of the Pastor for the current year.

On motion of E. B. Brown
Voted That the Music be left with the Prudential Committee, with the instruction that the expense shall not exceed the income of the Pew fund for music.

On motion of W. H. Porter
Voted That we pay the Parish Expense in the same way as it was raised last year

Voted To choose a nominating Committee of three

Voted To nominate the committee by nomination

Comm. E. B. Brown, R. B. Brown, H. S. Hubbard were chosen that committee

On motion of E. B. Brown
Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the payment of Parish Expenses

On motion of W. H. Porter
Voted That a vote of thanks be given by the society to E. P. Marsh.

Voted To adj. to the last Sat. in April at 5 o'clock P.M.

Geo. H. Streeter Parish Clerk

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday January 5th 1897

Hampden SS.

To George H. Steele Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Mass.

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday the fifth day of January next at 2 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles

First — To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Second — To choose all necessary Officers for the year ensuing; also all committees and agents the business of the Parish may require

Third — To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer, and any committees or agents heretofore chosen.

Forth — To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of Sunday, payment of debts, and current expenses of the Parish, and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth — To see if the Trust will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current expenses:

Sixth — To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the business of the Parish may require.

1897

(Continued)

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday January 5, 1897

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Here fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of December A.D. 1896

H. S. Hubbard
H. H. Forbes
E. D. Brown
} Prudential Committee

Greenfield Mass., Dec. 24, 1896
I have served the foregoing warrant as therein directed.
George H. Streeter Parish Clerk.

1897

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday January 5th

Meeting called to order by the Clerk who read the warrant after which

Moderator — H. S. Hubbard was chosen moderator

Clerk — George H. Streeter was chosen Clerk

Treasurer — M. H. Corbin was chosen Treasurer

Prudential Committee — H. S. Hubbard, M. H. Corbin, E. B. Brown were chosen Prudential Committee

Auditor — E. B. Brown was chosen Auditor

Collector — M. H. Corbin was chosen Collector

Treasurers Report — The Treasurers report was called for and given by the Treasurer M. H. Corbin

Application H. M. Corbin — Herbert M. Corbin's application to become a member of the Society is read

Voted — On motion of E. B. Brown
That the Treasurers report be accepted

Voted — On motion of J. R. Brown
To raise and appropriate so much money as will, with the income of the ministerial fund make Eight Hundred Dollars ($800) for the Salary of the Pastor for the current year

Voted — On motion of J. R. Brown
That the matter of music be left with the Prudential Committee, with the instruction that they shall not exceed the income of the Hyles fund for music

1897
(Continued)

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday Jan. 5, 1897

On motion of M. H. Corbin
Voted That we raise money for Parish expenses by subscription

On motion of M. H. Corbin
Voted That a soliciting Committee of three be chosen

Voted To choose the committee by nomination

Committee
N. S. Hubbard
A. B. Brown
E. B. Brown

On motion of J. R. Brown
Voted That the matter of shingling and repairs at the Parsonage be left with the Prudential Committee

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money, by consent and advice of the Prudential Committee.

Voted That the Clerk be authorized to record the legacy of the late E. C. Parsh in the Parish book with the conditions under which it was given

Voted That when we adjourn that we adjourn to the Sat previous to the first Sunday in May

Voted to adjourn

Geo. F. Streeter Parish Clerk

1897

Adj Annual Parish Meeting
Saturday May 1st

Meeting called to order by the Clerk

Moderator E. B. Brown was chosen Moderator

The Affiliation of Rachel M. Carlton was filed on and he was elected as a member of the Society

E. B. Brown was elected as a member of the Parish Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Geo. N. S. Hubbard

G. H. Shuter was elected a member of the soliciting committee to fill vacancy

Voted When we adj. that we adj. till the Sat. previous to the First Sunday in July. after the preparatory lecture

Voted To adjourn

George H. Shuter Parish Clerk

Elisha Clark Marsh Fund.
The following is a copy of the Third article in the will of the late
Elisha Clark Marsh

I hereby give and bequeathe to the First Christ's Congregational Society, of Brimfield the sum of five hundred dollars. Said amount shall be kept well invested by the Treasurer, under the direction of the Prudential Committee, and the income only be used for the support of an Evangelical Congregational Minister, said foundation shall be known as the Elisha Clark Marsh fund.

Recorded by
George H. Streeter Clerk

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday Jan 4, 1898

Hampden S. S.

To George H. Streete
Clerk of the First Parish Congregational Society of Brimfield Mass.

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday the Fourth day of January next at Two o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles:

Viz

First — To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second — To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing; also all committees and agents the business of the Parish may require.

Third — To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee, treasurer, and any Committee or agents heretofore chosen.

Fourth — To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of Singing, payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same

Fifth — To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current expenses

Sixth — To do any other business necessary and proper to be done for the business of the Parish may require.

1898
(Continued)

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday Jan 4, 1898.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings — on us at the time and place of meeting

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of December A.D. 1897

Brimfield December 24 1897
I have served the foregoing warrant as therein directed
George H. Streeter Parish Clerk

out of place

W. H. Corbin
E. B. Brown } Prudential
A. B. Brown } Committee

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday Jan 4, 1898

Meeting called to order by the Clerk who read the warrant after which E. B. Brown was chosen moderator.

Voted To adjourn till one week from today at 1.30 o'clock.

Geo. F. Streeter Parish Clerk.

Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday Jan 11, 1898.

Meeting called to order by Moderator E. B. Brown who again read the warrant

Voted To take up article second and the following officers were elected

Clerk Geo. F. Streeter was chosen Clerk

Treasurer M. H. Corbin was chosen Treasurer

Prudential Committee M. H. Corbin, E. B. Brown, E. B. Brown } Prudential Committee

Auditor J. Reed Brown was chosen auditor

Collector M. H. Corbin was chosen collector

Treasurers Report The Treasurers Report was called for and given by the Treasurer M. H. Corbin

Voted that the report of the treasurer be accepted.

On motion of J. R. Brown

Voted That the Prudential Committee be instructed to see that the wall between the Parsonage lot and R. H. Sowins lot is put on the line.

1898
(Continued)

Adj. Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday Jan 11, 1898

Voted That we take up article (4) four

On motion of M. H. Corbin

Voted To raise and appropriate so much money as will with the income of the ministerial fund pay the Eight Hundred Dollars ($800) for the salary of the pastor for the current year.

Voted That the matter of music be left with the Prudential Committee, with the instructions that they shall not exceed the income of the Wyles fund for music

Voted That a committee of three be chosen to solicit subscriptions for the current year.

Voted That the committee be chosen by nomination

Committee
E. B. Brown
Geo. H. Streeter
A. B. Brown

The Legacy of the late Lucy R. Foster was read

Voted To accept of the Legacy of the late Lucy R Foster under the conditions therein specified

Voted That the Parish extend a vote of thanks to the heirs of Lucy R. Foster late of Brimfield, for the Legacy to the Church & Society.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money, by consent & with the advice of the Prudential Committee, for the payment of Parish expenses.

Voted That we adj. till the last Saturday previous to the 1st Sunday in May at 3 o'clock P.M.

Geo. H. Streeter Parish Clerk.

Lucy R. Foster Fund

To the Parish Committee of the 1st Parish or Congregational Society [illegible] Mass.

Greeting

We the undersigned heirs of Lucy R. Foster late of Brimfield County of Hampden State of Massachusetts deceased, at her request do hereby agree to give, grant, and have transferred unto the First Congregational Church or Society of Brimfield for religious worship the sum of Five Hundred Dollars on the the following conditions

Viz

The same to be securely invested and the income only to be applied towards the support of an Orthodox Congregational Minister. In case said Church or Society shall refuse or neglect to comply with the conditions herein expressed, or said Church and Society shall cease to Exist, then all the right and title of said Church or Society to said fund shall be forfeited, and the same shall revert to the said Lucy R. Foster's heirs at law for their own use forever.

Given under our hands this 21st. day of April 1897

Harvey D. Upham
Mary M. Ayres
Rebecca C. Ayres
Hiram H. Corbin
Elsie A. Jock
Mary R. Curtiss

Recorded by Geo. H. Streeter
Parish Clerk

1899

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday January 3rd 1899.

Hampden S.S.

To [illegible] Clerk
of the First Parish or Congregational Society
Brimfield Mass.

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday the third day of January next at 2 o'clock P.M. there and there to act on the following articles

First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To choose all necessary Officers for the year ensuing; also all committees and agents the business of the Parish may require

Third To hear and act on the report of the Financial Committee, Treasurer and any committees on its behalf [illegible]

Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the Salary of Pastor, support of Singing, payment of debts and current Expenses of the Parish, and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current Expenses

Sixth To do any other business necessary and legal to be done that the business of the Parish may require

(Continued)

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday Jan 3, 1877

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting house seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of [illegible]

Given under our hands this [illegible] day of December A.D. [illegible]

[illegible] Corbin
Edward B. Brown } Prudential
Arthur B. Brown } Committee

Brimfield Mass. December 27, [illegible]
I have served the foregoing warrant as there in directed
Geo. H. Streeter Parish Clerk

1899

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday January 3, 1899.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk who read the warrant after which

Moderator — E. B. Brown was chosen moderator

Motion of W. H. Corbin
Vote — to take up Article second and the following Officers were Elected.

Clerk — Geo. A. Wheeler.

Treasurer — W. H. Corbin.

Prudential Committee — W. H. Corbin.
E. B. Brown.
R. B. Brown.

Auditor — J. Reed Brown

Collector — W. H. Corbin.

Treasurers Report — The Treasurers report was called for and given by the Treasurer W. H. Corbin.

Motion of J. R. Brown
Voted — receive the Treasurers report

Application Miner B. Booth — The application of Miner B. Booth to become a member of the society was read at this time.

To take up article four

After quite a discussion relating to the Pastors Salary etc. it was
Voted — That the Prudential Committee Confer with the Pastor in regard to his Salary

Article four was then laid on the table

18 [illegible]
(Continued)

Annual Parish Meeting [illegible]

On motion of G. H. Streeter

Voted That the Parish be reimbursed [illegible] payment of the piano from the Wales fund

Voted That Rev. Geo. A. Furness be paid for [illegible] a supply for Sun Nov 27, 1898 not to exceed $[illegible]

On motion of J. R. Brown

Voted That the matter of selling old settees be left with the Prudential Committee

Voted To adj [illegible] Thursday [illegible] 1898

Geo. H. Streeter Clerk

[illegible] Parish meeting Thursday
January 12, [illegible].

[illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible]

[illegible] committee [illegible]
[illegible] Brown and
[illegible]

[illegible] committee

[illegible]
[illegible] Church in B. Booth

Voted To accept Miss B. Booth as a member
in society

Voted to take up article 5th

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow
[illegible], by consent and with the advice
of the Prudential Committee, for the payment
of Parish Debts and Expenses.

[illegible] of W. H. Cox

Voted that we take up article 7th

Voted To raise and appropriate so much money
[illegible] come of the ministerial
[illegible] Eight hundred dollars (800)
for the salary of the Pastor for the current

Voted That the matter of music be left with the
Prudential Committee, with the instructions
that they shall not exceed the income of
the fund for music

Voted [illegible] raise money to all Parish expenses
([illegible]) by subscription

[illegible]

Rem. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

1900

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday Jan. 2nd 1900

[illegible]

[illegible] directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday second day of January next at 2 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the [illegible]

[illegible]

First To choose a moderator to preside at said [illegible]

Second To [illegible] year ending; also all Committees and Agents [illegible]

Third To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer, and [illegible] or agents heretofore chosen

Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the salary of the Pastor, support of singing, payment of debts and current Expenses of the Parish, and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current expenses

Sixth To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the business of [illegible] may require.

1950

(Continued)

Warrant for annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday Jan [illegible] 1950.

And you are [illegible] warrant by posting a copy of the same at the [illegible] at least before the [illegible] meeting

Hereof fail [illegible] returns of this warrant [illegible] to us at the time [illegible] meeting

Given under our hands this [illegible] Twenty [illegible] day of [illegible]

W. A. [illegible]
Raymond B. [illegible]
[illegible] B. [illegible]

Selectmen of Brimfield

Brimfield Mass., [illegible] 5, 1950. I have served the within warrant [illegible] directed

[illegible]

[illegible] Parish Meeting Tuesday
Jan 2nd [illegible]

Present [illegible] W. H. Irvin
[illegible] chosen [illegible]
[illegible] chosen Clerk
[illegible] chosen Treasurer
[illegible] Brown
[illegible] 2nd [illegible]
[illegible] the 3rd
[illegible]

[illegible] called for, and
[illegible] reason W. H. Irvin
[illegible] the reason
[illegible] the action of
[illegible] in investing the surplus
[illegible] from the sale of bonds
[illegible] St. Paul and Duluth R.R.

[illegible] from G. 1000 [illegible]
[illegible]
J. R. Brown Clerk Protem.

[illegible] Geo. H. Stretter Chm.

[illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Treasurer [illegible]

Prudential Committee [illegible]

Auditors [illegible]

Collector [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

(Continued)

[illegible] Committee [illegible]

Vote [illegible] committee of three [illegible] Committee

Cons. [illegible]

Vote [illegible] be authorized to [illegible] by consent and with [illegible] Committee [illegible] of the Irish Lights and [illegible]

[illegible] Anne H. [illegible] fund

[illegible] James H. Bliss fund [illegible]

Vote [illegible] to [illegible] provided [illegible] State Park

Anne H. Brown Fund

Brimfield Mass. [illegible]

We the undersigned [illegible] donate to the First [illegible] Society of Brimfield Mass. [illegible] manent Fund, the sum [illegible] and sixty dollars [illegible] the Anne H. Brown Fund, [illegible] to be securely invested [illegible] and the income only [illegible] the support of our [illegible] Pastoral ministry

Milo P. Brown
Aaron B. Corbin
Emma M. Brown

Voted by Geo. H. [illegible] Sec.

1901

Frances H. Bliss Fund

The following is a copy of the twenty-[illegible] Frances H. Bliss [illegible] at Belper [illegible] July 7, 1897.

"[illegible] The remainder of my money I give [illegible] to the First Congregational Church of Brimfield [illegible] the same to be used [illegible] support of preaching the Gospel, said Church being the one same that now worships in the [illegible] building that stands on [illegible] the Common"

Same contributed as above stated [illegible] two thousand four hundred and twenty one dollars and twenty three cents ($2421.23)

Brimfield
Oct. 28, 1899

Geo. M. Hitchcock
Executor of the will
Mrs. Frances H. Bliss

Copied by Geo. H. Shearer Clerk

1970

II [illegible] Lower Parish Hedge [illegible]
January [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] Parish Commissioners [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]

Recorded [illegible] Statute [illegible].

1907

III [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] Crown

[illegible] various [illegible]

[illegible] taken from the [illegible]

[illegible] chrysotile [illegible] (500) [illegible] current [illegible]

[illegible] issued [illegible]

Record of Special Prudential Meeting
Sunday December [illegible]

Hamilton:

[illegible]
[illegible] Pastor [illegible]
Church of Christ [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

First [illegible]

Second [illegible] mutual [illegible] Elect.

Third [illegible]

Fourth [illegible] erected [illegible], those [illegible] committee, [illegible] Elect.

(Continued)

[illegible] Special Finish Cutting Lathes [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] erected [illegible] costing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Parish Meeting Sunday
February 19, 1911.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk who read the Warrant after which

Moved [illegible]

The two very little [illegible] Church was then [illegible]

Brownfield [illegible],
Feb. 16, 1911

To the Parish of Brownfield
Dear Sir:
Sendetts Meeting
[illegible]
[illegible] Church
held on Tuesday, February [illegible]
the Church with that
the [illegible] of the Rev
Rev Robert [illegible] be [illegible]
Voted: That the Clerk be instructed
[illegible] the Parish [illegible]
the Church [illegible]
[illegible] an Ecclesiastical Council
[illegible] Parish [illegible]
Expedient to dissolve the [illegible]
[illegible] existing,
Given [illegible] Church Clerk.

Voted That the Parish do unite with the Church
in requesting the resignation of
Rev. Robt.

Voted That the Parish [illegible] commence
[illegible] from the Church, and unite with
the Church and [illegible] an [illegible]
Council [illegible] the Parish in the
[illegible] of [illegible] issue the usual
[illegible] with the [illegible] and secretary.

1900
(Continued)

Special Parish meeting Saturday February 10, 1900.

Voted That a committee of two be chosen to act with the committee of the Church in carrying the previous vote into Effect and make all necessary arrangements for the same

Voted That the Committee be chosen by nomination.

Vote. Edward Bliss } were chosen
Reed Brown } that Committee

Voted That the Prudential Committee be authorized to look over the Parsonage with view repairing it and report at an adjourned meeting

Voted To adjourn to Saturday March 24, at 2 o'clock P. M. 1900.

Geo H. Struter Clerk.

Copy of letter of resignation of Rev R J Kyle

My Dear Friend.

An agreement between this Church and Parish and myself, stipulates that either desiring to terminate the pastoral relation shall give three months notice of the fact. Six years and three months ago you very heartily and unanimously called me to this pastorate. God is my witness that I have endeavored faithfully and as far as my strength would permit to perform the duties of my office; first in such a way as might be pleasing to God and for the best good of all. I trust I have been [illegible] God's [illegible]. For these years it has been the chief desire of my heart to glorify Christ in your midst.

(Continued)

Letter of resignation of Rev R J Kyle

Not preaching according to the methods of the religious nor perhaps through the direct and well ordered measures of the Evangelist; though the Christian Church is better for both the theologian and evangelist. I have conceived of Christ being the world's redeemer in a very comprehensive sense. Therefore along the broadest lines I have tried to hold Christ up as the worlds, social, industrial, moral and religious hope, but always through the individual acceptance of him as master and Lord. Of my defects and failures I am conscious and you have been very kind and patient through it all. My pastorate has been a most pleasant one. Your financial support has been generous and your obligations in this respect have been promptly and and cheerfully discharged, enabling me with a good degree of satisfaction to pay all my bills in recent time. I am far more grateful for the evidences of love and appreciation with which you have blessed me than words can express, and if my poor humble services, have been blessed to the good of any soul I give God the praise.

The action this morning will mean the severance of many precious ties, and I wish to express my profound and sincere gratitude to all who during these years have had the true interests of the kin dom of Christ at heart.

Two years ago at the approach of the annual meeting I expressed a wish that I might then be released, and have another take my place. But now the time has come when I feel the need of a change. I therefore tender you my resignation as Pastor of this Church and Parish which I desire to take effect on the 31st day of March 1900. which will complete a term of six years and six months. In view of this I ask both Church and Society to join in calling a Council at an early date for the purpose of advising in the matter, and if thought best dissolve the pastoral relations. Now the God of peace who brought again from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep, with the blood of the eternal Covenant.

even our Lord Jesus Christ make you perfect in every good thing to do His will, working in us sight through Jesus Christ. to whom be glory for ever and ever Amen.

Yours Very Truly.
R. J. Kyle

Brimfield Jan 7. 1900.

Warrant for Parish meeting Saturday March 3. 1900

Hampden S.S.

To George H. Streeter Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Mass.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall on Saturday the third day of March at 2 o'clock P.M. Then and there to act on the following articles. Viz.

First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To see if the Parish will unite with Church in extending a call to Rev William P. Clancy to become their Pastor.

Third To Choose all Committees and pass all votes necessary to carry the same into effect. and to do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the needs of the Parish may require.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested Copy of the same at the meeting house seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

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Warrant for Parish meeting Saturday March 3. 1900

Hearof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to wit at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this 21st day of February A.D. 1900.

Miner H. Corbin
Arthur B. Brown
Edward B Brown
} Prudential Committee

Brimfield Mass Feb. 23. 1900. I have served the foregoing Warrant as therein directed

George H Shedd Clerk

Parish meeting Saturday March 3. 1900.

At a special business meeting of First Parish or Congregational Society Brimfield Mass. held this 3d day of March A.D. 1900.
In the absence of the Clerk. Meeting called to order by the Chairman of the Prudential Committee Miner H. Corbin.

Moderator — Miner H. Corbin was chosen moderator.

Clerk protem — Edward B. Brown was chosen Clerk protem.

Voted — That we pass over the second article of the warrant for the time being.

Voted — That the Treasurer be authorized to exchange the shares of the Oregon Short Line R.R. Co Capital stock held by this Society, pursuant to notice issued from said Oregon Short Line R.R. office upon the terms therein stated.

Voted — That we do now adjourn to Saturday March 24th A.D. 1900. at 3. o'clock P.M.

Attest Edward B. Brown. Clerk. Protem.

A Parish meeting Saturday March 24th 1900.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator Edward Bliss.

The report of the Council was called for and presented by the Church Clerk E. B. Brown.

Voted To accept the report and to have it recorded on the Parish records.

The report of the Prudential Committee in regard to repairing the Parsonage was called for, and given by the Committee

On motion of J. K. Brown

Voted That the matter of repairs on the Parsonage be left with the Prudential Committee to make such repairs as are necessary

Voted That the Prudential Committee be a Committee to supply the pulpit.

Voted That this meeting be now dissolved.

Geo. H. Streeter. Clerk.

Result of Council held March 15. 1870.

Letter Missive.
The Congregational Church in Brimfield to the Congregational Church in West Brookfield.

Dear Brethren.

Whereas our Pastor has tendered his resignation of the Pastoral Office, and has asked this Church and Society to unite with him in calling a Council to consider the expediency of dissolving his pastoral relations with authority to terminate if by them judged advisable, in accordance with his request, we invite you to be represented by Pastor and Delegate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held in the Vestry of the Church on Thursday next, March 15. at 10. o. clock A. M. to consider his request and if deemed advisable to dissolve the pastoral relations.

Signed. R. J. Kyle Pastor.

Dea. Jonas A Streeter
" Rufus H Lombard } Committee of the
" Edward B. Brown. } Church.

Edward B. Bliss
Jonas [illegible] Brown } Committee of the Society.

Brimfield March 4. 1870.

Other Churches invited are the following,
The Congregational Church in Brookfield
" East " " " Warren.
" Second " " " Palmer.
" " " " Monson.
" " " " Holland.
" " " " Sturbridge.
" Union (Free Evl) " " Southbridge.
" " " " Warren.

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Result of Council held March 15, 1905.

In accordance with this letter Missive a Council convened at the Church in Brimfield and was called to order at ten o'clock by the Rev Mr Hayward of Southbridge who read the letter missive. The Rev. Mr Harrison of the Second Cong'l Church Palmer was chosen moderator. At the request of Mr Harrison the Rev Mr Blanchard of Brookfield led in Prayer. Rev Mr Gaylord of West Brookfield was chosen scribe.

The Churches called to the Council were represented as follows.

The Cong'l Church in Brookfield C B Blanchard Pastor
E Frank Miller Delegate
" 2nd " " " Palmer Mr Harrison Pastor
Dea J. B. Shaw Delegate
" " " " Holland Mr Willis Pastor
Mr Henry Swinyer Delegate
" " " " Sturbridge Mr Rice. Pastor
Stanley Plimpton Delegate
" " " " West Brookfield. J. A. Gaylord Pastor
" " " Dea H J Wheeden Delegate
" " " " Warren. Mr W. B. Oleson Pastor.
Dea Frank S. Swan Delegate
" Evangelical Free " Southbridge Mr Hayward Pastor

A majority being present the resignation of the Pastor was read, and also the action of the Church accepting his resignation and calling a Council. The action of the Parish concurring with the Church was also read.

After remarks by the Pastor Mr Kyle the Council voted to be by itself.

It was then unanimously voted to formally dismiss Brother Kyle and appoint a Committee consisting of the Moderator. Scribe and Rev Mr Oleson.

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Result of Council held March 15, 1900.

To draw up suitable resolutions, the following resolutions were accepted and adopted.

Resolutions - At a Council of neighboring Churches called by the Congregational Church Brimfield Mass. Thursday March 15 1900. it was unanimously voted to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between said Congregational Church of Brimfield and its pastor Rev. R. J. Kyle. said dissolution to take effect March 31. 1900.

The Council is pleased to put on record their appreciation of Brother Kyles faithful ministry and to give full recognition of amicable and harmonious cooperation of Pastor and people during a ministry of more than six years.

The Council would specially commend the high sense of obligation to the interests of the Masters Kingdom that has actuated Rev. Kyle in all his record among the people.

The Council cordially recommend Rev. Kyle to the churches as an earnest faithful and wise minister of the Gospel.

Signed { Fasdick B. Harrison Moderator
J. Howard Gaylord. Scribe.
Wm. B. Gleason.

After Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Gleason, the Council was adjourned sine die.

Fasdick B. Harrison Moderator.
J. Howard Gaylord Scribe

Adj Parish meeting held March 24, 1900.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

A communication was read from the Church extending an invitation to Rev Wm P. Blaney to become Pastor of this Church and Society and asking the Parish to concur in the invitation.

Voted upon motion of S. B. Brown that we take up the second Article in the Warrant.

Voted That we take an informal ballot on the name of Rev. Wm P. Blaney

Voted That the Parish ask the Church to call a meeting one week from today at 1. o. clock P. M.

Voted That we do adjourn till one week from today at 3. o. clock P. M.

G. Ho. Steele. Clerk.

Second Adj Parish meeting held Sat March 31, 1900

Meeting called to order by the Moderator Mr. Robertson

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The following letter from the Church was read
(copy)

At a special business meeting of the Church held March 31, 1900.
The Church voted to extend an invitation to Rev William P. Clancy to become Pastor of this Church in the gospel ministry.
Voted that we choose a Committee of four consisting of the four Deacons to act with the Parish in carrying the above vote into effect.

Committee { Dea. Moses H. Cochrin
" Edward B. Brown.
" Arthur B. Brown.
" George H. Shuster.

Attest E. B. Brown Church Clerk.

Voted On motion of E. B. Brown that the Parish do concur with the Church in extending a call to Rev William P. Clancy to be Pastor of this Church and Society in the gospel ministry for one year.

Voted On motion of E. B. Brown to choose a Committee of three to act with the Church Committee to carry the same into effect.

Voted To choose the Committee by nomination

Committee { Mercer B. Booth.
George L. Ayard.
James R. Brown.

(Continued)

2nd Adj Parish meeting held March 31. 1900.

Voted To offer him a salary of seven hundred dollars ($700.00) with the privilege of being absent two Sabbaths

Voted To adjourn to Saturday May 5. 1900. at 3.0. clock P. M.

G. H. Streeter - Clerk -

Copy of letter to the Rev Wm. P. Clancy

Brimfield Mass.
March 31. 1900.

Rev William P. Clancy
Dear Sir.

The First Congregational Church in Brimfield Mass at a meeting held for that purpose on Saturday March 31, 1900. Voted to extend an invitation to you to become Pastor of this Church in the Christ Ministry - vote standing 15 yes & 7 no Also voted to ask the First Parish or Congregational society connected with this Church to concur in the invitation.

At a meeting of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious worship in Brimfield Mass. held on Saturday March 31, 1900. Voted to concur in the action of the Church and extend a Call to Rev Wm P Clancy to become Pastor of this Church and people for one year.

Voted to offer you an annual salary of seven hundred dollars ($700.00) and the use of the Parsonage (with the exception of one room used as a storeroom, and the east scaffold in the barn) no part of the buildings to be rented without the mutual consent of both Pastor and Committee. and if rented. the avails shall go to the Parish.

The salary to be paid in equal quarterly payments. with the privilege of being absent two Sabbaths.

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Copy of letter to Rev William P. Clancy

Acting as the duly authorized agents of the aforesaid Church and Parish we most cordially extend to you their invitation to become the Gospel Minister and Pastor of this Church and people and allow us to express the hope that the same may be effected as soon after April 1, 1900 as may be consistent with your other engagements and duties.

Dea Wm. H. Corbin,
" E. K. Brown,
" A. B. Brown,
" Geo H. Streeter,
Committee of the Church

Minor B. Booth,
Geo H. Ayers,
J Reed Brown,
Committee of the Society

Copy of reply of Rev Wm P. Clancy

Bilbao Conn.
Apr 2. 1900

Committee of the First Congregational Church and Society Bannerfield Mass.

Dear Brethren,

Your favor of Mar 31st by the hand of Dea Wm. H. Corbin announcing the action of your Church and Society, whereby you extend to me an invitation to serve you as Pastor for one year, from April 1st is before me.

I trust I have in your action not only an expression of the will of the Church, but also the Master.

I accept your invitation praying that the Lord will give you and me grace to fulfill the obligations involved in our mutual action.

Of little account will be the Pastor's endeavor without hearty Cooperation on the part of the people and the blessing of God. With this on our part God promises large returns. To this end let us join in work and prayer for the ensuing year.

Yours faithfully,

W. P. Clancy

Adj Parish meeting held May 5. 1900.

Meeting called to order by the moderator.

On account of the death of Clerk George W Streeter since our last meeting, Miner Booth was chosen Clerk protem.

Voted On motion E. B. Brown that the treasurer be authorized to pay one half of the expenses of Rev Wm P. Clancy at the State.

A letter was read by the moderator from the St Paul and Duluth R.R. Co. proposing to pay off all their preferred stock

Voted On motion of E. B. Brown, in compliance with the request of the St Paul and Duluth R.R. Co. to pay off all the preferred stock of said Co. that the treasurer be authorized and instructed to deliver for cancellation all the preferred stock held by the Parish and Society, and invest the proceeds derived from the same in Savings Banks, not depositing more than one thousand dollars in any one Bank.

Voted To dissolve the meeting.

Recorded by M. H. Cosbin, Moderator.
Miner B. Booth, Clerk. protem.

Warrant for Annual Parish meeting, Tuesday Jan 1, 1901.

Hampden S.S.

To Moses H. Colvin Collector of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Mass.

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday the 1st day of January — at 3.0 clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles

Viz -

First To choose a moderator for said meeting

Second To choose all necessary officers for the year ensueing; also all Committees and agents the business of the Parish may require.

Third To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer, and any Committees or agents heretofore chosen.

Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of singing, payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish, and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current expenses.

Sixth To do any other business necessary and proper to be done, that the business of the Parish may require.

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Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday Jan 1. 1901

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested Copy of the same at the meeting house seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of December A. D. 1900.

Edward B. Brown. } Prudential
Arthur E. Brown. } Committee

I have served this warrant as herein directed

Miner H. Corbin. Parish Collector

Dec. 24. 1900.

A true Copy. Attest Miner H. Corbin.
Parish Clerk

Annual Parish Meeting held pursuant to Warrant Jan 1, 1901.

Meeting called to order by M. H. Corbin chairman of Prudential Committee. who read the Warrant. after which Edward Bliss was chosen Moderator.

Article second was taken up and the following Officers were chosen for the ensuing year.
Viz

Clerk — Miner H. Corbin was chosen Clerk.

Treasurer — Miner H. Corbin was chosen Treasurer

Prudential Committee — Edward B. Brown. Arthur B Brown. Miner H. Corbin. were chosen Prudential Committee.

Auditor — J. Reed Brown was chosen auditor.

Treas Report — The Treasurers report was called for and given by the treasurer M. H. Corbin.

Voted — To accept & adopt the Treas as report.

Voted — To pass over the remainder of article 2nd for the present

Voted — An motion of J. R. Brown. to take up article four.

Voted — An motion of E. B. Brown that the salary of Pastor for the ensuing year be the same as the vote passed last year. Viz —

That we raise and appropriate so much money as will with the income of the Ministerial fund make eight hundred dollars ($800.) for salary of Pastor for the current year.

Voted — To adjourn to March 2nd 1901. at 2. o clock. P. M.

Miner H Corbin Clerk.

Adjourned Parish meeting Saturday March second 1901

Not acting on adjournment, meeting called to order by the moderator Edward A. Bliss
Records of the previous meeting read and accepted.

Voted An motion of M. H. Corbin to take up the remainder of Article 2nd

Collector Melvin Booth was chosen Collector

Voted to choose three soliciting committee by nomination to solicit subscriptions for the current year.
The following Committee were chosen.

Soliciting Committee
E. B. Brown
E. B. Allen
A. B. Brown
} Soliciting Committee

Voted An motion of E. B. Allen to take up Article 4th

Voted An motion of M. H. Corbin that the matter of singing be left with the Prudential Committee.

Voted An motion of E. B. Brown that if the income of singing fund is not sufficient to pay the expenses, the balance be paid from the Parish treasury

Voted An motion of E. B. Brown that we raise money by subscription for all Parish expenses not otherwise provided for.

Voted An motion of E. B. Allen to adjourn this meeting without date.

Attest. Turner H. Corbin, Parish Clerk.

Warrant for Special Parish meeting Saturday. March 2, 1901

Hampden S.S.

To Miner H Corbin
Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society
Brimfield Mass.

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn all the members qualified to vote in said Parish to meet at the Parish Hall on Saturday the second day of March at 3. o. clock. P. M. then and there to act on the following articles.

Viz.

First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To see what order if any the Parish will take in regard to their securities, or act thereon.

Third To see what measures if any the Parish will take to provide for the supply of the pulpit after the termination of the contract with Rev William P. Clancy.

Fourth To choose any agents or Committees or to do any other business the business of the Parish may require

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty first day of February A. D. 1901.

Edward B. Brown. } Prudential
Arthur B. Brown. } Committee

Brimfield Feb 22. 1901. I have served this Warrant as herein directed.

Miner H Corbin.
Parish Clerk.

Special Parish meeting held March 2nd 1901.

Met as per Warrant. Meeting called to order by the Clerk who read the warrant. after which Edward Bliss was chosen Moderator.

Voted On motion of E. B. Allen that the matter of selling or changing the stock held by the Parish of the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Rail Road and the St Louis and San Francisco Rail Road Co's be left with the Prudential Committee to act at their discretion.

Voted On motion of E. B. Allen that the investment of the funds of the society be left in the hands of the Treasurer with the advice and consent of the Prudential Committee

Voted To take up Article third.

Voted On motion of Edward B. Brown. the we secure the services of Rev William P. Clancy as Pastor of this Church and Society for another year. from April 1st 1901. at a salary of ($800.) eight hundred dollars and use of Parsonage.

Voted On motion of E. B. Brown that a Committee of one be chosen to inform Rev Mr Clancy of the above vote.

Voted To choose M. H. Corbin that Committee.

Voted On motion of E. B. Brown that we adjourn this meeting to the last Saturday previous to the first Sabbath in May at 3. o. clock P. M.

Miner H. Corbin.
Parish Clerk.

Adjourned Parish meeting held May 4. 1901

Met according to adjournment. Meeting called to order by the moderator. N. H. Corbin Committee chosen at the last meeting to inform Rev. W. P. Clancy of the vote of the Parish reported - and read the following communication.

The Committee of the First Parish Brimfield Mass.

Gentlemen.

Dea. N. H. Corbin as your special Committee has informed me of the action of your Society at its recent meeting, inviting me to continue in the pastorial service of your Church another year at a salary of eight hundred dollars Thanking you for the invitation and the increase of salary, I cordially accept your invitation. Praying that the Lord will continue to bless our mutual Endeavor to his glory, and the well being of this community. let our motto for the year be "Your Servant for Jesus sake"

Sincerely Yours.
W. P. Clancy.

Brimfield Mar. 13. 1901

Voted On motion of Arthur B Brown that the report and Communication be accepted and adopted.

Voted On motion of N. H. Corbin that the payments of Pastor's salary, the rights and privileges of the Parish in the Parsonage and barn be the same as the contract with this Pastor last year.

Voted To dissolve the meeting.

Minor H. Corbin.
Parish Clerk.

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting Jan. 7 1902.

[illegible]

[illegible] Parish [illegible] County of Brimfield [illegible]

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday the seventh (7th) day of January next at 2. o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles.

Viz.

First [illegible] of said meeting

Second To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing; also all Committees and agents the business of the Parish may require.

Third To hear and act on the report of the Prudential committee, Treasurer, and any Committee or agents heretofore chosen.

Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of singing, payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish, and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer [illegible] money [illegible] purposes.

[illegible] To see what measures if any, the Parish will take to provide for the supply of the pulpit [illegible] termination of the contract with Rev [illegible] J. Tracy.

Warrant for Annual Parish meeting, Tuesday Jan. 7th 1902

Seventh. To see if the Parish will take measures to abolish or otherwise reform the horse-sheds, and to make any other of improvements, and may vote to do anything about them.

Eighth. To see if the Parish will take measures to repair or paint the Church, and if so what method be adopted to secure the funds to pay the expenses of the same, or act thereon.

Ninth. To see if the Parish will give the Trustees full authority to sell or transfer any of the pews or seats held by the Parish, which were given them last year, and under the same conditions.

Tenth. To see if the Parish will accept any names that may be presented for membership, or act thereon.

Eleventh. To do any other business necessary and proper to be done, that the business of the Parish may require.

Hereof you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting House seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty eighth day of December A.D. 1901.

Edward H. Brown,
Arthur B. Brown,
M. H. Corbin
} Parish Committee

I have served this warrant as herein directed

M. H. Corbin. Clerk.

Brimfield Mass Dec 31st, 91.

Annual Parish meeting held Jan. 7th 1902.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk, who read the Warrant. after which E. B. Brown was chosen Moderator.

Moderator

Voted To proceed to choose of officers for the year ensuing. and the following officers were chosen.

Viz-

Clerk [illegible]

Treas. [illegible]

Prud. Com. [illegible] were [illegible] Prudential Committee

Auditor James Reed Brown was chosen Auditor.

The report of the Treasurer was called for and given by Treasurer W. H. Crain

Voted To accept of the Treasurers report.

Voted That the remainder of the 2nd article be passed over for the present

Voted To take up the 4th Article.

Moved by E. B. Allen we raise and appropriate so much money as will with the income of the Ministerial fund make seven hundred dollars. for salary of Pastor. with use of the Parsonage. vote not carried.

Voted On motion of A. B. Brown that the sum be six hundred dollars on the same conditions.

After some discussion upon the salary question.

Voted On motion of A. B. Brown the vote just taken be rescinded. vote carried.

Annual Parish meeting [illegible] 1912.

Moved by E. O. [illegible]
Article pertaining to the [illegible]

Voted On motion of M. H. Gordon [illegible] the fourth article [illegible].

Voted On motion of [illegible] the Treasurer's [illegible]
Voted That Treasurer's [illegible] at meeting of this Parish.

Voted To take up the 5th article

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money to pay debts and current expenses of the Parish with the approval of the Prudential Committee.

Voted To take up the seventh article

Voted On motion of E. B. [illegible] that the Prudential Committee be a Committee to see individuals and see if they will repair horse-sheds [illegible] if not, if they will sell them and get estimates as to cost of repairs of [illegible] belonging to the Parish, or to purchase [illegible] individuals and sell, and report at a future meeting.

Voted To take up article eighth

Voted That the Treasurer have the same authority in regard to the Parish securities as granted [illegible]

Voted On motion of M. H. [illegible] that the [illegible] be left in the hands of the Prudential Committee.

Voted To adjourn to Tuesday the 21st at 2 o'clock P. M.

Attest. M. H. Gordon. Clerk.

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[illegible] 21st 1902.

[illegible]

[illegible] meeting were read and approved.

[illegible] Clarence B. Brown and Gilbert L. Brown [illegible] membership.

Voted [illegible] Gilbert L. Brown
Members. be received [illegible] members.

Voted [illegible] half past 3 P. M. on account of the funeral of Mrs Pierce.

[illegible] adjournment and the meeting was called to order by the moderator

Voted To proceed to choose a Parish Collector.
Collector. W. W. Corbin was chosen Collector

Voted [illegible] E. B. [illegible] be [illegible] proceed to the choice of a soliciting Committee.

Voted That they be chosen by nomination.

Comm. E. B. [illegible] G. L. Brown and A. B. Brown were chosen that Committee

Voted [illegible]
By motion of [illegible] H. Corbin.

Voted That we raise and appropriate so much money as [illegible] with the income of the Ministerial fund make seven hundred dollars for salary of Pastor, the current year, also use of Parsonage.

Voted [illegible] A. B. Brown. that we raise [illegible] subscription for all Parish expenses not otherwise provided for.

~~Voted~~ ~~[illegible] motion of E. B. Allen that the middle of [illegible] be left in the hands of the Parish Committee.~~

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Voted To take up the [illegible] article.

Voted On motion [illegible] E. Brown the [illegible] and retain Rev Wm P. Clancy as Pastor after the termination of his contract April 1st 1902. [illegible] ballot, which number of votes cast [illegible] 1 [illegible] 5.

Voted That the Clerk notify [illegible] of the action of the Parish.

Voted That the supply of the pulpit [illegible] of the Parish Committee.

Voted To take up the eighth article.

Voted To that a Committee of three be chosen by nomination to investigate in regard to the repairs and painting of the Church, [illegible] in regard to cost of the same [illegible] report at a future meeting.

Com: E. B. Brown. Gilbert Brown and C. B. Allen were chosen that committee.

Voted To adjourn to Saturday [illegible] 1st [illegible] 2 o'clock [illegible].

W. H. Corbin. Clerk

2nd Adjourned Parish Meeting held March 1st 1902.

Met according to adjournment. In the absence of the Moderator the meeting was called to order by the Clerk. and M. H. Corbin was chosen Moderator [illegible].

There not being a quorum present

Voted To adjourn to Saturday March 2 [illegible] 2 o'clock P. M.

M. H. Corbin. Clerk.

3d Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting. held March 29th 1902.

Met according to adjournment. Meeting called order by the Moderator O. D. Brown.
The previous record was called for and read by the Clerk

Voted To accept and adopt the record as read.

Voted For Pulpit supply 6.2. In motion of M. H. Corbin that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the sum of twelve dollars for occasional supply of the pulpit for each Sabbath. and also [illegible] morning services on the Sabbath

Voted That we adjourn to Tuesday April 22nd at 7.30. o. clock P. M.

M. H. Corbin. Clerk.

4th Adjourned Parish meeting held 22. 1902.

Met according to adjournment. In the absence of the moderator or the meeting was called to order by the Clerk. M. H. Corbin was chosen moderator protem. No quorum being present.

Voted To adjourn to Saturday May 17th at 7.30 o. clock P. M.

M. H. Corbin Parish Clerk.

5th Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting held May 17. 1902.

Met according to adjournment In the absence of the moderator the meeting was called to order by the Clerk
Edward Bliss was chosen moderator protem
Not but a few being present and no business being presented to the meeting.

Voted To dissolve the meeting.

M. H. Corbin Parish Clerk.

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Warrant for Special Parish Meeting Tuesday July 15th 1902.

Hampden ss.

To Lemuel H. Corbin Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall on Tuesday the Fifteenth day of July at 7.30 o. clock P. M. Then and there to act on the following articles

Viz.

First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To hear and act on any communication from the Church.

Third To see if the Parish will unite with the Church in extending a call to Rev D. B. Wyman to become their Pastor.

Fourth To choose all Committees, and pass all votes necessary to carry the same into effect. Also to hear and act on any reports of Committees if any heretofore chosen, and to do any other business necessary to be done that the needs of the Parish may require.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested Copy of the same at the meeting house, seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this seventh day of July A. D. 1902.

Brimfield July 7th 1902. I have served the foregoing Warrant as herein directed. Attest Lemuel H. Corbin Clerk

Edward B. Brown, Arthur J. Brown } Prudential Committee

Special Parish meeting held Tuesday July 15. 1902.

Met as per [illegible] called to order by the Clerk. who read the Warrant. after which Edward B. Allen was chosen Moderator.

The following Communication from the Church was presented and read by the clerk.

Communication from Church

Copy.

To the Prudential Committee of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield

Greeting.

At an adjourned buisness meeting of this Church held July 5th 1902. Voted that the Church ask the First Parish or Congregational Society to unite with us in extending a call to the Rev. D. B. Wyman to become Pastor of this Church. Voted that we choose a Committee of three by nomination to carry the above vote into effect.

Committee – G. L. Brown – E. B. Allen – Melvin Booth

Voted that the Clerk be instructed to notify the Parish of its action. and ask them to concur in the same.

Attest. E. B. Brown Clerk of the First Cong'l Church.

Brimfield July 5. 1902.

Voted On motion of F. Bissell that the Parish do unite with the Church in extending an invitation to Rev D. B. Wyman to become Pastor of this Church and people. the vote being unanimous.

Voted On motion of M. H. Corbin to offer him an annual salary of eight hundred dollars ($800.) and the use of the Parsonage – with the exception of one room used as a store room. and the East scaffold in the barn – no part of the buildings to be rented without the mutual consent of both Pastor and Committee and if rented the avails shall go to the Parish. The salary to be paid in equal quarterly payments with the privilege of being absent two Sabbaths each year.

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Provided that the [illegible] may be altered at any time by either party giving [illegible] notice of [illegible] effect.

Voted On motion of [illegible] [illegible] chosen to act in [illegible] carrying the same into effect.

Committee { [illegible]
[illegible]

Voted On motion of [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible], Parish Clerk.

Copy of letter to Rev. D. B. Wyman.

Brimfield Mass.
July 17. 1902.

Rev. D. B. Wyman
Dear Sir.

At a business meeting of the First Congregational Church Brimfield Mass. held July 5th 1902. the Church voted to extend an invitation to you to become Pastor of this Church in the gospel ministry. Vote being yes 15. blank 2. Voted to ask the Parish connected with this Church to concur in the invitation.

At a meeting of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious worship in Brimfield Mass. held on Tuesday July 15th 1902. Voted unanimously to concur in the invitation of the Church. and extend a call to Rev. D. B. Wyman to become Pastor of this Church and people.

Voted to offer you an annual salary of eight hundred dollars ($800.) and the use of the parsonage — with the exception of one room used as a store room. and the East scaffold in the barn — no part of the buildings to be rented without the mutual consent of both Pastor and Committee. and if rented the avails shall go to the Parish

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Letter Continued.

The salary to be paid in equal quarterly payments with the privilege of being absent two Sabbaths each year. Provided that the connection may be dissolved at any time, by either party giving three months notice to that effect.

Acting as the duly authorized agents of the Church and Parish we most cordially extend to you this invitation to become the Gospel minister and Pastor of this Church and people.

And allow us to express the hope that the same may be accepted by you, and that it may be a mutual blessing to both Pastor and people. Also that the same may be effected as soon as may be consistant without conflicting with other engagements and duties.

Gilbert L. Brown, Edward B. Allen, Melven Booth — Committee of Church

Dea Miner H. Corbin, Dea Arthur B. Brown — Committee of Parish

M. H. Corbin. Parish Clerk.

Copy of reply of Rev D. B. Wyman.

Heath Mass. Aug 4th 1902.

Gilbert L. Brown, Edward B Allen, Melven Booth — Committee of the Church

Dea. Miner H. Corbin, Dea. Arthur B. Brown. Committee of the Parish

Dear Sirs and Brethren,

After prayerful consideration of the call to your Church, I regret to say I must decline. The Lord has given me unmistakeable evidences that I ought to labor longer amongst this people. Let me thank you for your kindness to me during my visits among you, and pray that God may give you a man after his own heart, through whose labors you may be abundantly blessed. Fraternally yours in the Master's service. D. B. Wyman.

M. H. Corbin. Clerk.

Warrant for special Parish meeting held
Sept 23d 1902.

Hampden ss

To Miner H. Corbin Clerk of
the First Parish or Congregational Society of Monson

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall on Tuesday the 23d day of September instant at two and a half o'clock P.M. and there to act on the following articles

Viz.

First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To see if the Parish will unite with the Church in extending an invitation to Rev. [illegible] to any person whose name has or may hereafter be presented as a candidate for Pastor. And pass all votes, and choose all Committees necessary to carry the same into effect.

Third To hear and act on the report of any Committees or agents heretofore chosen. also to choose any Committees or agents, or do any other business necessary or proper to be done at said meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house. seven days at least before the time for holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this Sixteenth day of September A. D. 1902.

Edward B. Brown } Prudential
Arthur B. Brown } Committee

Brimfield Mass. Sept 16, 1902.
I have served this warrant as herein directed
Attest Miner H Corbin. Parish Clerk.

Special Parish meeting held Sept 23. 1902.

Met pursuant to warrant. Meeting called to order by the Clerk, who read the Warrant. after which E. B. Brown was chosen moderator. and the following communication from the Church was read.

Communication from the Church. At a business meeting of the Church held on Tuesday Sept 23d 1902. for the choice of a Pastor. The Church voted unanimously to extend a call to the Rev Samuel Eaton of Warner N.H. to become our Pastor. Voted to inform the Parish of the action of the Church and ask them to concur in the same.

Voted to choose a Committee of three to act with a Committee of the Parish in carrying the above vote into effect.

Willie A. Webber
Clarence B Brown } Committee
Melvin Booth

Attest- E. B. Brown Church Clerk
Brimfield Sept 23d 1902.

Voted On motion F. Bissell to concur with the Church in extending a call to Rev Samuel Eaton of Warner N.H. to become Pastor of this Church and people.

Voted On motion of F. Bissell that we choose a Committee of two to act with the Committee of the Church in carrying the same into effect

Voted That the Committee be appointed by the Moderator.

Dea. Minor H. Corbin } Committee
Dea. Arthur B. Brown

Voted On motion of M. H. Corbin that the conditions of the Call be the same as that extended to Rev D. B. Wyman. (See Pages 246 & 247.)

Voted On motion of A. B. Brown that we adjourn to Tues. Oct 14th at 7.30 P. M.

Attest M. H. Corbin. Clerk.

Copy of letter to Rev Samuel Eaton.

Brimfield Mass
Sept 24 1902.

Rev Samuel Eaton.
Dear Sir.

Letter to Rev Samuel Eaton

At a business meeting of the First Congregational Church Brimfield Mass held Sept 23rd 1902, the Church voted unanimously to extend an invitation to you to become Pastor of this Church in the gospel ministry, and voted to ask the Parish connected with this Church to concur in the invitation.

At a meeting of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious worship in Brimfield held Tuesday September 23rd 1902, it was voted unanimously to concur in the invitation of the Church, and extend a call to Rev Samuel Eaton to become Pastor of this Church and people.

Salary of Pastor

Voted to offer you an annual salary of Eight hundred dollars ($800,) and the use of the Parsonage, with the exception of one room used as a store-room, and the east scaffold in the barn, no part of the buildings to be rented without the mutual consent of both Pastor and Committee, and if rented the avails shall go to the Parish.

The salary to be paid in equal quarterly payments, with the privilege of being absent two Sabbaths each year. Provided that the connection may be dissolved at any time by either party giving three months notice to the other.

Acting as the duly authorized agents of the aforesaid Church and Parish, we most cordially extend to you this invitation to become the Minister and Pastor of this Church and people.

And allow us to express the hope that the same may be accepted by you, and that it may be a mutual blessing to both Pastor and people, also that the same may be effected as soon as may be consistant, without conflicting with other engagements and duties.

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Action Continued.

Willie A. Webber Clarence B. Brown Melvern Booth.	Committee of the Church.	Dea Miner H. Corbin Dea Arthur B. Brown Committee of the Parish

Attest. M. H. Corbin. Parish Clerk.

Copy of letter of Rev Samuel Eaton

Letter of Rev Samuel Eaton.

To the First Congregational Church and Society in Brimfield. Greeting.

Dear Brethren;

The Great Head of the Church having inclined your hearts to extend to me a unanimous call to become your Pastor and teacher, and believing that you as well as myself have been directed by the Spirit of God in this call. I therefore accept the call, and will begin my services in the capacity above named on or about the 15th of October next.

Sincerely yours in Christian work.

Samuel Eaton.

Received Sept 28, 1902.

Attest. M. H. Corbin. Parish Clk.

At the adjourned meeting of the Parish Oct 14th 1902. only one besides the Clerk was present, and the meeting was passed by in default.

M. H. Corbin. Clerk.

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting, January 1883.

Hampden, ss.

To [illegible] Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society in Wilbraham, greeting.

Whereas

Some number of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Society to meet at the Parish House in Wilbraham on Tuesday the 24th (6) day of January next at 2 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles

Viz.

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing; also all Committees which the business of the Parish may require.

Third To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer, and Committees or agents receive them.

Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of singing, payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish, and determine what methods are to be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current expenses.

Sixth To see if the Parish will take measures to remove or otherwise repair the hitching posts, or to purchase any sheds of individuals who may wish to sell or not thereon.

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Seventh. To see if the Parish will take measures to repair or paint the Church, and if so to see what method shall be adopted to secure the funds to pay the expense of the same, or act thereon.

Eighth. To see if the Parish will give the Treasurer the same authority to sell, transfer, or reinvest any of the securities or funds held by the Parish, and under the same conditions given him last year.

Ninth. To see if the Parish will accept any names that may be presented for membership, or act thereon.

Tenth. To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the necessities of the Parish may require.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of December, A. D. 1902.

Edward B. Brown } Prudential
Arthur B. Brown } Committee

I have served this warrant as herein directed.

Attest, Miner H. Corbin, Parish Clerk.

Brimfield Mass. Dec. 29, 1902.

Annual Parish meeting held Jan 4th 1903

Meeting called to order by the Clerk who read the warrant after which Edward B. Brown was chosen moderator.

Voted To take Article 2nd and proceed to choice of officers and the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year. Viz.

Clerk. M. H. Corbin was chosen Clerk.

Treas. M. H. Corbin was chosen Treasurer.

Prudential Committee. Edward B. Brown, Milton H. Corbin, Arthur B. Brown } were chosen Prudential Committee.

Auditor Clarence Brown was chosen Auditor.

Collector M. H. Corbin was chosen Collector.

Voted To take up Article third.

The Treasurers report was read.

Voted To accept and adopt the Treasurers report.

Voted To take up Article fourth.

Voted On motion of M. H. Corbin that we raise and appropriate so much money as will with the income of the Ministerial fund make eight hundred dollars as salary of Pastor for the current year. also use of the Parsonage

Voted On motion of Clarence Brown that we raise money by subscription same as last year. for all Parish expenses not otherwise provided for.

Voted On motion of A. B. Brown, the treasurer be authorized to borrow money to pay debts and current expenses of the Parish with the approval of the Prudential Committee.

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Vote: To take up Article sixth.

Voted: That the matter in regard to repair of horse-sheds be left in the hands of the Prudential Committee.

Vote: To take up Article seventh.

Voted: that a Committee of three be chosen by nomination. the following Committee were chosen.

Committee: M. H. Corbin, E. B. Allen, E. B. Brown } Committee.

Vote: To take up Article eighth.

Voted: on motion of F. Bissell that the treasurer be authorized to sell, transfer, or reinvest any of the securities of the Parish, subject to the advice and consent of the Prudential Committee

Voted: on motion of M. H. Corbin the Prudential Committee see that suitable snow paths are made around the Church and horse sheds, and the treasurer authorized to pay any necessary expense for the same.

Voted: To adjourn to Saturday Feb. 28th after preparatory lecture.

M. H. Corbin. Clerk.

There was no adjourned meeting held and the meeting was passed by in default

M. H. Corbin Clerk

Warrant for Special Parish meeting, held Sept. 21st 1913

Hampden s.s.

To Brown H. Corbin Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Mass.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish House in Brimfield on Tuesday Sept. 21st at 7.30 P.M. then and there to act on the following articles viz:

First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To hear reports of any Committees or Agents heretofore chosen or appointed.

Third To see if the Parish will take measures to repair and paint the Church, and if so, to see what method shall be adopted to secure the funds to pay the expense of the same.

Fourth To see if the Parish will trim or cut down any of the trees on the Church Common.

Fifth To choose all Committees or Agents, and to do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the needs of the Parish may require.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this 19th day of September A.D. 1913

I have served this warrant as therein directed. B. H. Corbin. Brimfield Mass. Sept 21st 1913 Parish Clerk.

Edward B. Brown, Arthur B. Brown, B. H. Corbin } Prudential Committee

-1903- Special Parish meeting held Sept 29th 1903.

Parish met as per Warrant. and the meeting was called to order by the Clerk who read the warrant. of which Edward Bliss was chosen moderator.

The committee chosen at a former meeting to investigate in regard to painting and repairs of the Church were called to report. and reported as follows that they had made investigations in regard to the cost of painting and needful repairs of the Church. and estimated the same at three hundred dollars.

Voted On motion of A. B. Brown. that the report be accepted.

Voted On motion of M. H. Corbin we take up Article 3d

Voted On motion of E. B. Allen that we do take measures to paint and repair the Church.

Voted On motion of M. H. Corbin that a Committee of two be chosen to solicit funds to paint and repair the Church. The following Committee

Committee Chosen. M. H. Corbin E. B. Brown

Voted That one more be added to that Committee

Committee and Edward B. Allen. was chosen

Voted On motion of E. B. Allen we take up the 4th Article.

Voted On motion of F. Bissell that the cutting and trimming of the trees on the Church common, be left in the hands of the Prudential Committee. to do what they thought best.

Voted On motion of E. B. Allen we take up the 5th Article

Voted On motion of E. B. Allen that the Prudential Committee be authorized to see to the painting repairs of the Church.

Voted To adjourn to the last Saturday in Oct. after the preparatory lecture.

Attest. M. H. Corbin. Clerk.

1903 Adjourned Parish meeting held Oct 31st 1903.

Met according to adjournment. Meeting called to order by the Moderator, as there was not a quorum present the meeting was adjourned to Saturday Nov 28th 1903 at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

W. H. Corbin Parish Clerk.

Adjourned Parish meeting held Nov. 28, 1903.

Met according to adjournment. in the absence of the moderator the meeting was called to order by the Clerk. W. H. Corbin was chosen Moderator pro-tem No business was transacted.

Voted To dissolve the meeting.

W. H. Corbin Clerk.

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Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting.

Hampden S.S.

To Miner H. Cosbie
Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Mass.

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday the fifth (5) day of January next at 2.o. clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles.

Viz:

First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing. Also all Committees and agents the business of the Parish may require.

Third To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee Treasurer. and any Committees or Agents heretofore chosen.

Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor. support of singing. payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish. and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current expenses.

Sixth To see if the Parish will give the Treasurer the same authority to transfer or reinvest any of the securities held by the Parish. and under the same conditions given him last year.

Seventh To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the needs of the Parish may require.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrent by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting house seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of December. A.D. 1903.

Edward B. Brown } Prudential
Arthur B. Brown } Committee.

I have served the within Warrant as herein directed
Brimfield Mass Dec. 28. 1903.

Miner H. Corbin.
Parish Clerk.

Annual Parish meeting held Jan. 5. 1904.

Met pursuant to Warrant. Meeting called to order by the Clerk. who read the Warrant. after which Edward B Allen was chosen Moderator.

Voted To proceed to the choice of officers. Miner H. Corbin was chosen Clerk and Treasurer. Edward B. Brown Arthur B. Brown. and Miner H. Corbin were chosen prudential Committee for the ensueing year. Clarence Brown was chosen Auditor. and Miner H. Corbin Collector.

Voted On motion E.B. Brown we take up Article third.
The Treasurers report was called for and given by M. H. Corbin Treas.

Voted To accept and adopt the Treasurers report

Voted To take up Article fourth.

Voted On motion of E.B. Brown that the salary of Pastor and the conditions regarding it. be the same as the vote passed last year.

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Voted On motion of Clarence Brown that the Treasurer be authorized to pay any deficiency for singing out of the general funds in the treasury.

Voted On motion of E. B. Brown that we raise money by subscription for all Parish expenses not otherwise provided for.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for Parish expenses under the same conditions as last year

Voted That the Treasurer be given the same authority and under the same conditions, in regard to the securities held by the Parish as last year.

Voted Gift of N. S. Hubbard On motion of E. B. Brown that the Parish accept the legacy of one thousand dollars left by to the Society by Deacon Newton S. Hubbard. and the Treasurer give his receipt for it.

Voted That the Parish tender to the Heirs of the late Sea Newton S. Hubbard their most sincere thanks for the legacy left by his Will to the Society. and that the Clerk transmit a copy of the same to the Heirs.

Voted Soliciting Committee On motion of Mr. H. Corbin to choose a committee of three to solicit funds for the current year. E. B. Brown. A B Brown and Melvin Booth were chosen that Committee.

Voted To adjourn to the last Saturday in April after the preparatory lecture.

Attest Minor H Corbin. Clerk.

Adjourned Parish meeting held April 30. 1904

Met according to adjournment. in the absence of the Moderator the meeting was called to order by the Clerk. Mr. H. Corbin was chosen Moderator Pratem. A quorum not being present no business was transacted.

Voted To adjourn to the last Saturday in June after the preparatory lecture.

Minor H Corbin - Clerk.

Warrant for [illegible]

Hampden ss.

To [illegible]

-tional Society Brimfield Mass.

[illegible]

of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday the Third (3d) day of January next at 2. o'Clock. P.M. then and there to act on the following [illegible]

Viz.

First To see a [illegible]

Second To choose all necessary [illegible] and [illegible] of the Parish [illegible]

Third To see and act on the report of the [illegible] Treasurer [illegible] chosen.

Fourth To [illegible] and other materials [illegible] of [illegible] of debts and [illegible] of the Parish and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current expenses.

Sixth To see if the Parish will give the Treasurer the same authority in regard to the invested funds that was given him last year and under the same conditions as previously given.

Seventh To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interests of the Parish may require.

And you are hereby directed to serve this [illegible] by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house seven days at least before the time of [illegible].

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place [illegible]

Continued

Given under our hands this twenty third day of December A.D. 190[illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible] directed

[illegible] Corbin
Parish Clerk

[illegible] Mass. Dec 24th 1[illegible]

[illegible] Copies of the Warrant and return of the Clerk.

[illegible] Parish Clerk.

Annual [illegible]ing of [illegible] held Jan 3rd 1905.

Parish meeting — Met according the call in the Warrant. Meeting called to order by the [illegible] who read the Warrant.

Voted — To adjourn [illegible] at 7.30 P.M. [illegible] according to [illegible] Parish.

Voted — Choice [illegible] chosen [illegible].

Voted — [illegible] for the [illegible]ing year.

Voted — [illegible] in new. Choice [illegible].

Edward [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] Brown were chosen [illegible] for [illegible].

Voted — [illegible] new choice [illegible].

Voted — [illegible] choice [illegible].

Report of Treasurer — The Treasurer's report [illegible] Corbin [illegible].

Voted — [illegible] and [illegible] the Treasurer's report [illegible].

Voted On motion A. B. Brown that we raise [illegible] money as will with the income of the Ministerial fund make eight hundred dollars ($800.00) as salary of Pastor. [illegible] of the Parsonage for the current year.

Voted That one third of income of the Pews fund be applied for singing, and if there be any deficiency it be paid from the Treasury.

Voted On motion of A. B. Brown, that we use the same means of raising funds for the current year as that of last year, that we raise money by subscription for all Parish expenses not otherwise provided for.

Voted On motion of Fred Russell that the [illegible] be [illegible] for [illegible] subscription [illegible] for [illegible] Edward B. Brown, Arthur B. Brown and [illegible] Beach.

Voted On motion of A. B. Brown that the treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish with the advice of the Parish Committee.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to sell, transfer, or reinvest any of the securities held by the Parish subject to the advice and [illegible] of the Parish Committee.

Voted [illegible] of [illegible] the matter of repairs on the parsonage, painting and trimming the trees on the Church Common be left in the hands of the Prudential Committee.

Voted To adjourn to a [illegible] meeting [illegible] first Sabbath in May after the separate meeting.

[illegible] A. [illegible] Parish Clerk.

There was no adjourned meeting held, and it was passed by in default.

[illegible]er H. Corbin
Clerk.

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Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting

Hampden ss.

To Miner H Corbin Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Mass

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday the second (2nd) day of January next at 2 o clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles. Viz -

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing; also all Committees and Agents the business of the Parish may require.

Third To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee Treasurer, and any Committees or agents heretofore chosen.

Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of singing, payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish, and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current expenses.

Sixth To see if the Parish will give the Treasurer the same authority to sell transfer or reinvest any of the securities, or fund held by the Parish, and under the same conditions, given him in previous years.

Seventh To hear and act on any applications for membership to the Parish, should any be presented.

Eighth To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interests of the Parish may require.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same, at the meeting house seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us, at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this [illegible] day of December A.D. 1905.

Edward B. Brown } Prudential
Arthur B Brown } Committee

I have posted the within Warrant as within directed Dec. 25th 1905

Attest: Miner H. Corbin Clerk.

Annual Parish Meeting held Jan 2nd 1906

Met according to Call in the Warrant. The meeting was called to order by the Clerk who read the Warrant. after which Edward B. Brown was chosen Moderator.

Voted [illegible] and proceed to the choice of officers

Clerk Miner H. Corbin was chosen Clerk and Treasurer.

Prudential [illegible] Edward B. Brown [illegible] for the ensuing year.

Auditor Clarence B. Brown was [illegible].

Collector Miner H. Corbin [illegible].

Voted To lay the remainder of Article second on the table for the present.

The Treasurer's report was called for and read by the treasurer.

Voted To accept and adopt the report of the Treasurer as read, when Audited.

Parish meeting continued.

Voted On motion of [illegible] that the [illegible] of [illegible], and [illegible] of individuals be left with [illegible].

Voted To take up article seven.

Voted On motion of M. H. Corbin that the following names which were presented for membership of the Parish be accepted as members. Bertie E Campbell. Willie A Webber. and Edward H. [illegible].

Members Received

Voted To take up article fourth.

Voted On motion of A. B. Brown that we raise and appropriate so much money as will with the income of the Ministerial Fund make eight hundred dollars ($800.) as salary of Pastor and use of the Parsonage for the current year

Salary of Pastor.

Voted On motion of A. B. Brown that the same method be adopted for raising money for expenses as last year. for the ensuing year

For raising money

Voted That the Treasurer have the same authority and under the same conditions to [illegible] for Parish debts and current expenses as last year.

Treas authority

Voted On motion of A. B. Brown that the Treasurer be given the same authority to sell, transfer or reinvest any of the fund and securities [illegible] under the same conditions as in [illegible] year.

Treas authority

Voted To choose three soliciting Committee which were as follows. Clara [illegible] Mrs. Bertie H. [illegible] B. E. Campbell. Committee.

Soliciting Committee

Attest Minier H. Corbin Clerk.

March 3rd 1906. Met according to adjournment in the [illegible] to [illegible] Clerk. and he was chosen moderator Pro tem. No business being [illegible] before the meeting it was voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest [illegible]

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Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting.

Hampden S.S.

To Walter H. Corbin Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Mass.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday the first day of January next at 2.o.clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles.

Viz

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To choose all necessary Officers for the year ensuing. also all Com--mittes and Agents the business of the Parish may require.

Third To hear and act on the report. of the Prudential Committe Treasurer. and any Committes or Agents heretofore chosen

Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of singing, payment of debts and incidental expenses of the Parish and determine what method shall be adopted to raise the same.

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and incidental expenses.

Sixth To see if the Parish will give the Treasurer full power and authority in regard to the securities held by the Parish as given him in former years.

Seventh To see what action the Parish will take if any to repair or change the house shed, or have individual or all repair or change the same.

Eighth To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interests of the Parish may require.

And you are hereby directed. to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon. to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of December A.D. 1906

Edward B. Brown, Brimfield, Prudential Committee

Brimfield, Dec. 24 1906

I have served the foregoing warrant as directed by posting an attested copy of the same at the Parish House

Walter H. Corbin
Parish Clerk.

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Annual Parish Meeting held Tuesday Jan 1st 1907.

Met according to warrant. Meeting called to order by the Clerk M. H. Corbin who read the Warrant. there not being a quorum present voted to adjourn one week to Jan 8th at 2. o. clock P. M.

Attest. Miner H. Corbin Clerk.

Adjourned Parish Meeting held Jan 8th 1907.

Met according to adjournment. the Clerk read the Warrant and E. B. Brown was chosen moderator.

Voted To take up article two. Miner H Corbin was chosen Clerk.

Voted On motion of E. B. Brown that the Clerk be authorized to cast one ballot for the following officers

Prudential Committee

Prudential Committe Treas. Auditor & Collector.

Edward B. Brown
Miner H. Corbin
Arthur B. Brown

Treasurer - Miner H. Corbin
Auditor - Clarence B Brown
Collector - Miner H Corbin

Voted To lay on the table article two for the time being

Voted To take up article three. The report of the Treasurer was called for and given.

Voted To accept the Treasurers report.

Voted To take up article four.

Voted On motion of E. B. Brown that the same vote as passed last year in regard to salary of Pastor be continued this year.

Voted On motion of E B. Brown. that we raise and appropriate so much money as will with the income of the Ministerial fund and one third of the Wyles fund make one thousand dollars ($1000)

Voted To raise and appropriate five hundred dollars ($500) to be raised by pledges. by the Envelope system. or by subscriptions. for debts and current expenses

Voted That the Treasurer be given the same authority to borrow money and under the same conditions as last year.

Voted To give the Treasurer the same authority in regard to the funds held by the Parish as previously

Voted On motion of M. H. Corbin that we choose two soliciting committe. and E. B. Brown & W. A. Webber were chosen that Committe.

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Voted That the Prudential Committee be a Committee [illegible] horse sheds.

Voted Unanimously that the foregoing Committee notify [illegible] and if they refuse to repair their sheds, the said Committee is instructed by the Parish to repair and claim the s[illegible].

Voted To adjourn to the last Saturday in A[illegible]

[illegible]
Clerk

Adjourned Parish meeting held May 4th 1907.

Met according to adjournment. no business being presented. it was

Voted To dissolve the meeting

Winer H. [illegible]
Clerk

-1908-

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting.

Hampden. S.S.

To. Miner H. Corbin Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Mass.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday the seventh (7th) day of January next at 2.o'clock P. M. Then and there to act on the following Articles. -Viz-

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To choose all necessary Officers for the year ensuing, also all Committees and Agents the business of the Parish may require

Third To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committe Treasurer, and any Committee or agents heretofore chosen.

Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of singing, payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish, and determine what method shall be adopted to raise the same.

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for payment of Parish debts and current expenses

Sixth To see if the Parish will give the Treasurer the same authority to sell, transfer or reinvest any of securities, or funds held by the Parish, and under the same conditions given him in previous years.

Seventh To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interests of the Parish may require

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty fifth day of December A.D. 1907

Edward B. Bruce
Miner H. Corbin
Arthur C. Quinn
} Prudential Committee.

I have served the within Warrant as within directed. Miner H. Corbin - Parish Clerk.

Annual Parish Meeting held Jan 7th 1918.

Met according to warrant and the meeting was called to order by the Clerk.

Voted To adjourn to the house of Mr Albert M. Corbin

Met according to adjournment but there not being a quorum present the meeting was adjourned to Monday the 18th day of Jan at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

Minor H. Corbin. Clerk.

Adjourned Parish Meeting. Jan 18th 1918

Met according to adjournment. Meeting called to order by the Clerk who read the warrant. and Edward B. Brown was chosen moderator.

Voted On motion of B. E. Campbell, the Clerk cast one vote for the following officers. for the ensuing year.

Clerk	Minor H. Corbin	Prudential Committee
Treasurer	Minor H. Corbin	E. B. Brown
		M. H. Corbin
Auditor	E. B. Brown.	A. B. Brown
Collector	M. H. Corbin.	

Voted To take up Article 3.rd

The report of the Treasurer was called for, and read by the Treasurer M. H. Corbin

Voted To accept the Treasurer's report.

The report of the Prudential Committee was called for and E. B. Brown gave a verbal report of the repair of belfry &c. and M. H. Corbin made a verbal report in regard to the shed, and the proposition of James Hayes to give the shed he owns to the Society.

Voted On motion of E. B. Brown it was voted to James Hayes the sincere and hearty thanks of the Society for the gift of the Horse shed owned by him to said Society, and that the Clerk be instructed to send a copy of said vote to him upon delivery of the Deed of said shed.

Voted On motion of B. E. Campbell. that we raise and appropriate so much money, as will with the income of the Ministerial fund make eight hundred dollars. as salary of Pastor for the current year. also use of Parsonage.

Voted On motion of M. H. Corbin that one third income of the Wyles fund be appropriated for singing, and if there be any deficiency, it be paid from the Treasury.

Voted To raise money for debts and current expenses by envelope system.

Voted That the Treasurer have the same authority to borrow money and under the same conditions given him in former years.

Voted To give the Treasurer the same authority and under the same conditions to sell, transfer or convert any of the securities or fund held by the Parish, given him in previous years. (see Page 265)

Voted That the matter of salary of Chorister and Organist and salary of Janitor be left in the hands of the Prudential Committee to act at their discretion.

Voted That the meeting be dissolved.

Attest Miner H. Corbin
Parish Clerk.

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting held Jan 5th 1909
Hampden S.S.

To Miner H. Corbin Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society Brimfield Mass.
Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish House in said Brimfield on Tuesday the fifth (5th) day of January next at two (2) o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles — Viz —

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing, also all Committees and agents the business of the Parish may require.

Third To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer, and any Committees or Agents heretofore chosen.

Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the Library of Parish, support of singing, payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish, and determine what method shall be adopted to raise the same.

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current expenses.

Sixth To see if the Parish will give the Treasurer the same authority in regard to the securities held by the Parish as given them in former years.

Seventh To see what action if any the Parish will take in regard to the repairs, or removal of any of the horse sheds.

Eighth To do any other business necessary and proper to be done the interests of the Parish may require.

Per order are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the name of the meeting house, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of December A. D. 1908.

Edward A. Brown
Arthur E. Brown } Prudential
Daniel H. Corbin } Committee

I have served the within warrant as therein directed

Daniel H. Corbin
Parish Clerk.

A true copy of the warrant with the return of the Clerk.

Attest Daniel H. Corbin.
Parish Clerk.

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Annual Parish Meeting held Jan 5th 1909.

[illegible] according to the call of the warrant. The meeting was called to order by Miner N. Corbin Parish Clerk who read the Warrant after which Edward B. Brown was chosen Moderator.

Voted To proceed to the choice of Officers. Miner N. Corbin was chosen Clerk and Treasurer.

Voted To choose three Prudential Committee. [illegible] was chosen for the ensuing year.

Edward B. Brown, N. Corbin, [illegible] B. Brown } Prudential Committee. Auditor. Clarence W. Brown

Collector. Miner N. Corbin

Voted [illegible] Third. The report of the Treasurer was called for and was read by the Treasurer. and it was.

Voted [illegible] of the Treasurers report when audited.

Voted To raise and appropriate so much money as will with the income of the ministerial fund make eight hundred dollars. for salary of Pastor for the current year. with use of Parsonage.

Voted To take up article fifth.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money under the same conditions as in former years. Article sixth was taken up.

Voted That the Treasurer have the same authority and under the same conditions as last year. in regard to the securities held by the Parish

Voted To take up Article seven.

Voted To choose a Committee of two to investigate in regard to the [illegible] and confer with individuals owners of sheds in regard to repairing the same.

Voted the B. E. Campbell and W. A. Webber be that Committe.

Voted [illegible] on the table for the present.

Voted [illegible].

Voted To accept of the offer of the C. E. Society to pay for a hard wood floor in the dining room in the Parsonage.

Voted To to lay the eighth Article on the table for the present.

Voted To adjourn to Saturday Feb. 6th at One o'clock P. M.

Miner N. Corbin Parish Clerk.

Adjourned Parish meeting held Feb 25th 1918

Pursuant to adjournment, the members of the previous meeting were called to order by Moderator [illegible] having a quorum present. Voted to adjourn to Monday Feb 27th at two o'clock P.M.

Simon H. Corbin, Parish Clerk

Adjourned Parish meeting held Feb 27th 1918

Pursuant to adjournment, meeting called to order by the Moderator. The minutes of the previous meetings were read and read by the Clerk.

Voted To hear the report of the committee chosen to investigate repairs to the house-sheds. W. A. Webber and D. E. Campbell the committee made an oral report that private owners so far as seemed to be willing to repair their sheds, and the majority of the sentiment seemed to be averse to leaving money for the shed.

Voted To accept the report of the committee on house sheds.

Voted That the Parish proceed to repair the house sheds.

Voted That W. A. Webber and D. E. Campbell, with the Town Treasurer be a committee to repair the house-sheds belonging to the Parish with authority to arrange with individual owners in regard to the repairs of sheds.

Voted To adjourn the meeting.

Simon H. Corbin

Parish Clerk.

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Warrant for Special Parish Meeting.

Hampden. S S.

To Miner H. Corbin Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Mass.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the the members of said Parish and Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Wednesday evening the second (2nd) day of June at 8.30 o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles

Viz-

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To see if the Parish will accept certain gifts presented to [illegible]

Third To [illegible] the business proper to be done at said meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting

Given under our hands this Twenty sixth (26th) day of May A. D. 1909.

Edward B. Brown. }
Arthur B. Brown. } Prudential Committee.
Miner H. Corbin }

[illegible]

Attest Miner H. Corbin.
Parish Clerk.

Special Parish Meeting held June 2nd 1909.

[illegible] according to the warrant, the meeting was called to order by the Clerk [illegible] H. Corbin, who read the warrant, after which E. B. Brown was [illegible] moderator. The Clerk read a communication to the Parish from [illegible] M. Brown, donating certain sums of money to the Parish as a [illegible] fund, as follows, viz.

First - [illegible] heirs of Mary M. Agard late of Brimfield [illegible] according to reg[illegible] do hereby give [illegible] estate the sum of [illegible] to the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield [illegible] for a [illegible] fund. The same to be invested, and the income only used yearly for the support of an Orthodox Congregational Minister, on the following conditions viz. Should the conditions above mentioned ever cease to exist the said sum of money shall then be given to the Congregational Home Missionary Society.

Emma M. Brown. [illegible]
George L. Agard Brimfield Mass
Villa N. Webber June [illegible] 1909.

Second. In memory of my Father Lucius Agard I give to the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Mass the sum of Fifty Dollars, on the following conditions. First the said sum shall be securely invested as a permanent fund. [illegible] income only used yearly for the support of an Orthodox Congregational Minister.

Second. "That this sum shall be added to the One hundred Dollars given from the Estate of Mary M. Agard according to her wishes. And that the total amount, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, shall be known as the Lucius and Mary M. Agard Fund.

Third - Should the conditions First named ever cease to exist this sum of money shall then be given to the Congl. Home Mission Society. Emma M. Brown. Brimfield Mass June 1, 1909.

Voted On motion of F. [illegible] Bissell, that the sum of One hundred dollars given by the heirs of the late [illegible] be accepted under the conditions therein expressed.

Voted On motion of [illegible] that the sum of Fifty dollars given by Mrs. Emma M. Brown in memory of her Father be [illegible] accepted and under the conditions therein stated.

Continuation of Parish meeting.

Voted To dissolve the meeting.

Miner H. Corbin.
Parish Clerk.

Warrant for Special Parish Meeting.

Hampden S.S.

To Miner H. Corbin Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Wednesday the First day of December 1909 at 8.30. P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles. Viz.

First To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To see if the Parish will accept of any names that may be [illegible] for membership. or act thereon.

Third To hear and act on any communication which may be received from the Church in regard to the resignation of our Pastor, Rev. Samuel Eaton.

Fourth To choose all Committees or agents the buisness of the Parish may require, and to do any other buisness necessary and proper to be done at said meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting House Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty third (23d) day of November. A.D. 1909.

Edward B. Brown } Committee
Miner H. Corbin
Arthur B. Brown } Committee.

I have served this Warrant as herein directed.
Miner H. Corbin. Parish Clerk

Special Parish Meeting held Dec. 1st 1909.

Met pursuant to [illegible] called [illegible]

[illegible] Eaton [illegible] Moderator.

Article second [illegible] The name of [illegible] was presented for a member of the Parish.

Voted On motion of M. H. Corbin that [illegible] be admitted as a member of this Parish.

Voted To take up Article third.

M. H. Robinson presented the following, communication from the Church.

Brimfield Mass Dec. 1st 1909

To the Prudential Committee of the First Parish or Congregational Society. At a business meeting of the church held [illegible] evening Dec 1st 1909 for the purpose of acting with regard to Rev Samuel Eaton, who should receive a call to Crown Point N.Y. the Church voted to accept of his resignation. and voted to chose Melvin H. Robinson a Committee to notify the Parish of the action of the church, and ask the Parish to concur in the same.

Melvin H. Robinson, Committee.

Voted On motion of B. E. Campbell that we concur with the action of the church. and accept of the resignation of Rev Samuel Eaton as Pastor of this Church and People.

Voted That the Moderator notify Rev Samuel Eaton of the action of the Church and Parish.

Voted On Motion of A. B. Brown that the meeting be now adjourned and it was so declared.

Miner H. Corbin,
Parish Clerk

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting.

Hampden S.S.

To James H. Corbin Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society Brimfield Mass.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday the fourth (4th) day of January next, at two (2) o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles.

viz

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing. also all Committees, and do all the business of the Parish may require.

Third To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee Treasurer and any Committees or Agents heretofore chosen.

Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor support of singing, payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish, and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish Debts and current expenses.

Sixth To see if the Parish will give the Treasurer the same authority in regard to the securities held by the Parish as given him in former years.

Seventh To see what action if any the Parish will take in regard to the repair or removal of any of the Horsesheds.

Eighth To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interests of the Parish may require.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting House seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hand this twenty third day of December. A.D. 1909.

Edward B. Brown
Arthur B. Brown } Prudential
Minor H. Corbin } Committee.

I have served the foregoing Warrant as herein directed

Attest. Minor H. Corbin.
Parish Clerk.

Annual Parish Meeting held Tuesday January 4th 1910
Met according to Warrant. Voted to adjourn to the house of M. H. Corbin. Met according to adjournment. Meeting called to order by the Clerk who read the warrant. E. B. Brown was chosen Moderator.

Voted To proceed to the choice of three Prudential Committee all on one ballot. Edward B. Brown. Minor H. Corbin and Arthur B. Brown were elected that Committee.

Voted To choose an auditor and Clarence E. Brown was chosen to that office. Minor H. Corbin was chosen Collector.

Voted To choose Minor H. Corbin Clerk and Treasurer.

Article third was taken up.

The report of the Treasurer was called for and given by M. H. Corbin Treasurer who reported a good financial year and only a small defisit of between $30, and $40. dollars.

Voted That the Treasurers report be accepted when audited.

Voted That one third of the income of the Wyles fund be appropriated for singing and any deficit be paid from the treasury.

Voted On motion of E. B. Brown that we raise and appropriate so much money as will with the income of Ministerial funds make eight hundred dollars as salary of Pastor for the current year. with use of the Parsonage.

Voted On motion of L. B. Brown that we use the same means as last year, by envelope system and contributions to raise funds.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the payment of debts and current expenses, by the consent and approval of the Prudential Committee.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to sell, transfer, or reinvest any of the securities held by the Parish, subject to the advice and consent of the prudential Committee.

Voted That the Prudential Committee be a Committee to make all necessary repairs at the Parsonage.

Voted That we adjourn to Wednesday evening Jan 19th at 8 o'clock P.M.

Minor H. Corbin. Parish Clerk.

Adjourned Parish meeting held Jan 19th 1910

Met according to adjournment. Meeting called to order by the Moderator. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Clerk and approved

Voted To take up article seventh. After some discussion on the article it was.

Voted On motion of B. E. Campbell that whereas we adjourn we adjourn to two weeks from tonight at 8 o'clock P.M. and that the Clerk be instructed to notify all the members of the Parish that Article Seventh will be taken up to be acted upon in regard to repairing or removal of any of the Horse Sheds, the same to be considered for final action.

Voted To adjourn.

Minor H. Corbin. Parish Clerk.

Adjourned Parish meeting held Feb. 2nd 1910.

Met according to adjournment. Article 7th was taken up

Voted On motion of W. H. Robinson that the Parish remove from the East end of the North and South row of horse sheds, not to exceed three on each end.

Voted On motion of M. H. Robinson that the repairs or removal of any of the Horse sheds be left in the hands of the Prudential Committee to act at their discretion.

Voted On motion of W. A. Webber that the Prudential Committee be authorized to repair the Church by shingling what is necessary of the West roof and redecorating the audience room where needed. and do any other needed repairs before the first day of June 1910.

Voted On motion of M. H. Carbin that M. H. Robinson and [illegible] be a committee to solicit funds to defray the necessary expenses of the repairs on the Church.

Voted To adjourn without date.

Miner H. Corbin
Parish Clerk.

Warrant for Special Parish Meeting.

Hampden S.S.

To. Miner H. Corbin Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Mass.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Vestry of the Church on Thursday the 12th day of May at 7.45 P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles – Viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

2nd To hear and act on any communication which may be received from the Church in regard to extending an invitation to become our Pastor Rev William S. Jennings. and if accepted and concurred in, to pass all votes, and choose all Committees necessary to carry the same into effect.

3d To hear and act on any reports, if any, of any Committees or agents heretofore chosen, and to choose any Committees or agents or to do any other buisness necessary or proper to be done at said meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house.

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Warrant Continued.

seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands the Eleventh day of May. A.D. 1910.

Edward B. Brown. } Prudential
Arthur W. Brown. } Committee.
Miner H. Corbin. }

I have served the within Warrant as therein directed.

Miner H. Corbin Parish Clerk.

Special Parish Meeting held May 12th 1910.

Met according to the foregoing warrant. Meeting called to order by the Clerk, who read the warrant. and E.B. Brown was chosen Moderator. Article Second was taken up and the following communication was presented and read as follows.

Brimfield Mass. May 12th 1910.

To the Prudential Committee of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Mass.

Gent.

At a business meeting of the Church held on Thursday May 12th 1910 for the choice of a Pastor. The Church voted unanimously to extend a call to the Rev. William E. Jennings of Hopewell Mass. to become our Pastor. Voted to inform the Parish of the action of the Church and ask them to concur in the same. Voted to choose a Committee of three to act with a Committee of the Parish in carrying the same into effect

Committee. Berlin E. Campbell. Edward B. Brown and Frederick Bissell.

Attest. Edward B. Brown.
Church Clerk.

Voted by unanimous vote of Parish, that the Parish concur with the Church and extend a call to the Rev. William E. Jennings to become our Pastor in the Gospel Ministry.

OFFICE OF SELECTMEN

Town of Southbridge

TOWN HALL BUILDING

ELM STREET

MEETINGS OF BOARD
MONDAY EVENINGS
AT 7.30 O'CLOCK

W. J. LAMOUREUX, CHAIRMAN
A. L. DESAULNIERS, CLERK
ALEXIS BOYER, JR.

SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS., Jan 4 1917

REPORT OF PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE OF 1st PARISH OR CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY

The Prudential Committee met and organized with Clarence B Brown chairman and AlbertR. Brown clerk.

It was voted to pay the pastor $75.00 per month and the organist the same as last year; Mr Edward B. Brown was appointed janitor at the same salary as last year.

It was voted to raise money by the same method as last year and the Town was divided into five districts, the subscriptions this year did not amount to as much as last year and the payments were not as prompt therefor some is outstanding about $ and your committee had a hard time to meet expences and as last year we find bills outstanding to the amount of about $175.00 which must be paid the coming year as well as the regular expenses, this brings us up to the point of whether your committee has exceeded its duty and judgement in raising salaries,thatis,can this parish afford it, do others like us pay the same?

The pastor is receiving $900 and house rent a raise of $100 per year, while in October Mr. Brown feeling that the duties of janator were to much for his age resigned ahd to get another to take his place your committee had to pay $10.00 per month while Mr Brown receive[illegible] $6.00 per month, a raise of almost $50.00 per year, Mr Fred Lawrence was appointed to fill vacancy of Mr Brown, resigned.

In April we bought for the parish two $1000 Dominion of Canada Gold Bonds paying 5% interest, this money was the legacy of Mrs

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SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.,

Emily Wilkinson of Springfield left in her will to this parish.

The committee decided to shingle the ell part of the parsonage, the main part to be patched as we thought it would last for two or three years longer and later the whole house was painted two coats which adds greatly to its looks and will preserve the outside for some years to come.

Two insurance policies were renewed this fall on the property.

In the fall your committee seeing that United States Steel Stock was selling in the market at a high price met with the Treasurer and authorized him to sell the six shares of common stock held by the parish but as yet we understand it has not been sold.

Death entered into our committee during the year Mr. John Noyes passing to the world beyond, the committee loses a good worker and the parish a generous giver.

Respectfully submitted

Albert R Brown

Clerk.

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Warrant for
Annual Parish Meeting

Hampden SS.

To Edward B. Brown Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Massachusetts.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby directed to notify and warn the Members of said Society to Meet in Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Thursday the Fourth day of January next at 7 o'clock P.M. ~~then and there to~~ then and there to act on the following Articles.

Viz

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside a said meeting.

" 2d To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the year ensuing also all Committees and Agents the business of the Parish may require

" 3d To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee. Treasurer. Auditor or any Committee heretofore chosen.

" 4th To raise and appropriate Money for the Salary of Pastor. Support of Singing. payment of Debts and Current expenses of the Parish until determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same

" 5th To see if Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow Money for the payment of Parish Debts and current expenses.

" 6th To hear and act on any Applications for Membership to the Parish should any be presented

" 7th To see what action the Parish will take if any with reference to the Horse sheds whether they will sell. repair. or direct the use of the aforesaid Sheds as directed and Specified in the Deed Conveying the same to the Parish. or dispose of any of their Land

" 8th To see what action the Parish will take with reference to providing better Protection of the Church against damage by Fire.

" 9th To see what action, or [illegible] the Parish will take to [illegible] to raise sufficient funds to meet the necessary or current expenses of the Church and Parish for the ensuing year.

" 10th To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interest of the Parish may require

Hereof you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting [illegible]

[illegible]

Given under our hands this Twenty sixth day of December A. D. 1922

Edward B. Brown
Fred [illegible]
Martha E. Streeter
[illegible]
Annie G. Lawrence

Prudential Committee of Parish

I have served the within Warrant as [illegible]

[illegible]

Voted That a Committee of three be chosen to act with the Church Committee in carrying the foregoing into effect, and Dea Miner H. Corbin, Melven Booth and E. H. Davenport, were chosen a committee.

Voted To chose a committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Melvin H. Robinson to solicit funds for the repair of the Church and Melven Booth was chosen that Committee

Voted To adjourn without date.

Miner H. Corbin
Parish Clerk.

Copy of letter of Church and Parish in extending a call to Rev William L. Jennings, of Greenwich Mass, to become Pastor of this Church and Society.

Brimfield May 20th 1910.

Rev William L. Jennings.
Dear Sir.

At a buisness meeting of the First Congregational Church Brimfield Mass, held May 19th 1910. The Church voted unanimously to extend an invitation to you to become Pastor of this Church in the Gospel Ministry, and voted to ask the Parish connected with this Church to concur in the invitation.

At a meeting of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious worship in Brimfield held Thursday May 19th 1910. it was voted unanimously to concur in the invitation of the Church, and extend a call to Rev William L. Jennings, to become Pastor of this Church and people.

Voted To offer you an annual Salary of Eight Hundred Dollars ($800), and the use of the Parsonage, with the exception of one room used as a store room, and the East Scaffold in the barn. No part of the buildings to be rented without the mutual consent of both Pastor and Committee, and if rented the rents shall go to the Parish.

The salary to be paid in equal quarterly (or if preferred by the Pastor in monthly payments, with the privilege of being absent two sabbaths each year. And also provided that the connection may be dissolved at any time by either party giving three months notice to that effect.

Letter Continued

Acting as the duly authorized agents of the aforesaid Church and Parish we most cordially extend to you this invitation to become the Gospel Minister and Pastor of this Church and people

And allow us to express the hope that the same may be accepted by you. and that it may be a mutual blessing to both Pastor and People. Also that the same may be effected as soon as may be consistent without conflicting with other engagements and duties.

B. S. Campbell Dea Edward B. Brown Frederick Bissell	Committee of the Church	Dea Miner H. Corbin Melvin Bell Dea E. K. Davenport	Committee of the Parish

A True Copy Attest Miner H. Corbin
Parish Clerk.

Copy of reply of Rev William L. Jennings.

Greenwich Mass.
June 1st 1910.

To the Congregational Church and Parish in Brimfield.

My Dear Brethren.

Your very kind and unanimous letter calling me to the Pastorate of your Church has been received by me and I wish to return thanks for the same. I have enjoyed my visit at Brimfield very much. and your Church work seems full of promise. It has been my desire to be led by our Lord in my service for Him, and the acceptance of your call seems to me to be the will of our Heavenly Father.

I therefore gladly accept your call to become your Pastor. and trust that our work together may be productive of great good in the Master's Kingdom

I will endeavor to begin my service as Pastor in Brimfield early in July.

With much prayer for the work I remain.
Your Servant in the Gospel.
Rev William Lewis Jennings

Attest. Miner H. Corbin Parish Clerk.

(Mr. Jennings commenced his labors with the Church July 10th 1910.)

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting

Hampden. S.S.

To Miner H. Corbin Clerk of First Parish or Congregational Society Brimfield Mass.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield. on Tuesday the third day of January next at 2. o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles

Viz.

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing, also all Committees and agents the business of the Parish may require.

Third To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee. Treasurer. and any Committees or Agents heretofore chosen.

Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor. support of singing. payment of debts. and current expenses of the Parish. and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money. for the payment of Parish debts and current expenses.

Sixth To see if the Parish will give the Treasurer the same authority in regard to the securities held by the Parish as given him in former years.

Seventh To see if the Parish will give E. B. Brown a right of way to and repass over land of the Parish East of the North row of horse sheds to the highway

Eighth To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interests of the Parish may require.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us. at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty sixth day of December A.D. 1910.

Edward B. Brown
Arthur B. Brown } Prudential
Miner H. Corbin } Committee

I have served the within Warrant as herein directed
A true Copy. Attest.
Miner H. Corbin Parish Clerk.

~1911~

Annual Parish Meeting held Jan 3d 1911.

Met according to call of the Warrant. the meeting was called to order by the Clerk M. H. Corbin. who read the warrant. There not being a quorum present to do business. it was.

Voted To adjourn to Monday evening Jan 9th 1911. at 7.30 o'clock P. M. at the house of Edward B. Brown.

Miner H. Corbin
Parish Clerk.

Adjourned Parish Meeting Jan. 9th 1911.

Met according to adjournment. the meeting was called to order by the Clerk. who read the warrant. E. B. Brown was chosen Moderator

Voted On motion of B. E. Campbell. that the Chair cast a ballot for the following names for Prudential Committee for the ensuing year.

Prudential Committee — Edward B. Brown. Miner H. Corbin and Clarence B. Brown. and they were declared elected.

Clerk. Treas & Collector — Miner H. Corbin. was chosen Clerk, Treasurer. and Collector.

Auditor — Fred Bissell was chosen Auditor.

Article third was taken up and acted upon

Trees. — The Treasurer's report was called for and given by the Treasurer M. H. Corbin.

Voted To accept the Treasurer's report and adopt it when Audited.

The report of the Prudential Committee was called for and E. B. Brown read the report of the repairs on the horse sheds. as follows. The Committee have caused to be taken off three sheds on the Eastern side of the South and South row of sheds. and shingled the remainder that needed it and put them all in good repair. and those who owned shed had deeded them to the Parish. and other owners have paid their proportion of the expense of shingling and repairs.

Voted To accept and adopt the report.

Voted To raise and appropriate as usual money as will make the income of the unappropriated fund. make eight hundred dollars. for salary of Pastor for the current year. with use of Parsonage.

Voted That one third of the income of the Wyles fund be appropriated for singing. and any deficiency be paid from the Treasury.

Voted [illegible] and by contributions.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for t[illegible] and current expenses of the Parish, with the cons[illegible] Committee.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to sell, transfer, or re-invest any of the securities held by the Parish, subject to the advice [illegible] Prudential Committee

The seventh Article was taken up.

Voted That Edward B. [illegible] be [illegible] of crossing the land belonging to the Parish East of the [illegible] to the highway, under the following restrictions - Viz - That he shall not put up vehicles or cause any obstructions to remain thereon. [illegible] as it is at present, with right to use [illegible]

Voted To adjourn without date, and the meeting was declared adjourned

Wilmer F. Hardin
Parish Clerk.

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Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting.

Hampden S.S.

To Miner H. Corbin Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society Brimfield Mass.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday the Second day (2nd) of January next at 2. o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles -Viz.

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Second To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing. also all Committees and Agents the buisness of the Parish may require.

Third To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee. Treasurer, and any Committees or Agents heretofore chosen.

Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor support of singing payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish, and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current expenses.

Sixth To see if the Parish will give the Treasurer the same authority in regard to the securities held by the Parish as given him in former years.

Seventh To do any other buisness necessary and proper to be done that the interest of the Parish may require.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house seven days at least befor the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty second day of December A.D. 1911

Edward B. Brown. Miner H. Corbin. Clarence B. Brown. Prudential Committee Parish

Transcribed & sent Warrant as herein dir. to Miner H. Corbin Parish Clerk.

Annual Parish meeting held Jan 2nd 1912.

Met according to call of the foregoing warrant. The meeting was called to order by the Clerk and the warrant read.

Voted To adjourn to the house of M. H. Corbin. But according to adjournment a quorum not being present the meeting was adjourned to Monday evening Jan 8th at 7.30 o'clock P.M. to the house of M. H. Corbin

M. H. Corbin
Parish Clerk.

Adjourned Parish meeting held Jan. 8th 1912. Met according to adjournment, the meeting was called to order by the Clerk who read the warrant, Edward B. Brown was chosen Moderator. Article 7th taken up and the following communication was read by the Clerk.

To the Parish Committee. I desire to become a member of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Mass. William F. Bissell Jan 8th 1912.

Voted To accept of the communication of Mr Bissell and that he be accepted as a member of this Parish.

Wm F. Bissell Joined Society.

Voted To lay article 7th on the table for the present.

Voted To take up Article second.

Voted On motion of B. E. Campbell that the Clerk cast one ballot for the same Parish Committee as were chosen last year, Edward B. Brown, Milner H. Corbin and Clarence B. Brown and they were declared chosen by the moderator.

The Treasurers report was called for and read by M. H. Corbin

Voted To accept and adopt the report when audited.

Voted To take up article fourth.

Voted To raise and appropriate so much money as will with the income of the Ministerial funds make eight hundred dollars and the use of the Parsonage for salary of Pastor for the current year.

Voted That one third of the income of the Music fund be appropriated for singing, and if there be any deficiency it be paid from the treasury.

Voted That we raise the same means to raise money as last year, by envelope system and by contributions.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish, with consent and approval of the Parish Committee

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to sell, transfer, or reinvest any of the securities held by the Parish, subject to the advice and consent of the Parish Committee.

Voted On motion of B. E. Campbell that the repairs needed upon the church be left in the hands of Prudential Committee.

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Voted That a subscription paper be drawn up to solicit subscriptions for the usual of Parish expenses, and for repairs on the church.

Voted That William F. Bissell be a committee to solicit funds under the above vote.

Voted To adjourn the meeting without day, and it was declared adjourned by the moderator.

Minor H. Corbin.
Parish Clerk.

Warrent For Annual Parish Meeting.
January 7th 1913.

Hampden S.S.

To Minnie H. Corbin Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society Brimfield Massachusetts

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall on Tuesday the seventh (7) day of January next at two (2) o'clock P.M. then and there to to act on the following Articles.

Viz

First — To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

Second — To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing also all agents or Committees the business of the Parish may require

Third — To hear and act on the Report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer and any other Committee or agents heretofore choosen.

Fourth — To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of Singing, payment of debts and current expences of the Parish and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same

Fifth — To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current expences.

Sixth — To see if the Parish will give the Treasurer the same authority in regard to the invested funds that was given him last year and under the same conditions as previously given.

Seventh — To see what action the Parish will take in regard to certain alterations on the Church as specified by the inspector of Public Buildings and act thereon

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(warrant continued)

Eighth To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interests of the Parish may require

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of Meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty fourth 24, day of December A.D. 1912

Edward B Brown
Miner H Corbin
Clarence B Brown
} Parish or Prudential Committee

I have served the within warrant as therein directed

Miner H Corbin
Parish Clerk

Brimfield Massachusetts December 24th 1912

Annual meeting of the Parish held January Seventh (7) 1913

Moderator — Meeting called to order by the Clerk who read the Warrant after which Edward B. Brown was chosen Moderator

Voted — To choose a Parish Committee of three. made choice of Edward B Brown, Miner H Corbin. and Clarence B Brown the Prudential Committee for the ensuing year

Voted. — For Clerk made choice of Edward B Brown.

Voted — That we do now adjourn the meeting to Saturday evening January the 11th at 7 30 P.M.

W. H Corbin
Clerk

Adjourned Annual Meeting Saturday evening Jan 11 1913 — Met according to adjournment. E. B. Brown Moderator.
Meeting called to order by the Clerk who was also [illegible] Moderator at 7 50 o'clock
Report of the last meeting was given

Art 2nd
Voted — On motion of Frederick Bissell that we complete the choice of Officers for year ensuing.

Voted — Miner H. Corbin Treasurer for the ensuing year.
Voted — Upon motion of W. H Corbin to lay Article 2nd on the Table
On motion of Miner H Corbin it was
Voted — That we choose a Collector for the year ensuing and Clarence B. Brown was chosen collector.
Voted and made choice of Frederick Bissell for Auditor for the ensuing year
Voted — on motion of Frederick Bissell That we hear the report of the Treasurer.

Voted — That the Treasurers report be accepted when Audited

Voted — on Motion of Bertie E. Campbell. That we concur with the Church in accepting the resignation of our Pastor. Rev William E Jennings.

(1) Adjourned annual meeting Jan 11th 1913

Voted That we take up article fourth
To raise and appropriate so much money as will with the income of the Ministerial funds make Eight hundred dollars and the use of the Parsonage for salary of Pastor for the Current year.

Voted That one third of the income of the Music funds be appropriated for singing, and if there be any deficiency it be paid from the treasury.

Voted That we take same means to raise money as last year by envelope system and Collections

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for payment of debts and current expences of the Parish with the consent and approval of the Prudential Committee

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to sell, transfer or reinvest any of the securities held by the Parish subject to the advice and Consent of the Parish Committee.

Voted on Motion of B. E. Campbell that we choose a Committee of three to investigate the cost of shingle repairs on the Church Building as ordered by the inspector of Public Buildings.

E. B. Brown
C. B. Brown
B. E. Campbell
} Committee

Voted That when we adjourn we adjourn subject to the call of the Prudential Committee

Voted That we do now adjourn.

E. B. Brown
Clerk

Feb 17th 1913

(2) Adjourned Annual Meeting of the Parish

Met according to adjournment as voted at the last adjourned meeting - Meeting called to order by the Clerk and record of last meeting read by the Clerk E B Brown at whose house the meeting was held on Monday evening Feb 17 E B Brown having been chosen Moderator.

Voted On Motion of Clarence B Brown. That the report be accepted

The Committee chosen at the adjourned meeting of the Parish to investigate the cost of those repairs ordered by the State Inspector of Public Buildings made their report

Voted On Motion of Miner H Corbin that their report be accepted

Voted on Motion of Clarence B. Brown that we Contract with Mr Francis L Jones of Palmer to make the necessary repairs for the sum of one-hundred and sixty five dollars ($165.00) subject to the approval of the State Inspector of Public Buildings

Voted On Motion of Willie A. Webber that the same Committee E. B. Brown. Clarence B Brown and Bertie E Campbell be the Committee to complete the repairs and that the funds be raised by subscription and if a balance be raised, it be used for Parish Expenses

Voted That the Parish be a Committee of the whole to secure the necessary funds for the above repairs

Voted That we adjourn subject to the call of the Prudential Committee

Edward B. Brown Clerk

A true record attest

a Vote omitted in the record

Voted on Motion of B. E. Campbell

That the Treasurer be authorized to sign the report of the Administrators Acct in the Estate of Arthur B Brown for the bequest given the Society

E. B. Brown Clerk

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May 3rd Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting held at the house of E. B. Brown on Saturday evening May 3rd 1913. Met according to adjournment

Meeting called to order by the Clerk E. B. Brown

The report of the Committee on the repairs in the Church was given.

Voted on Motion of Minor H. Corbin.
That the report of the Committee be accepted and recorded

Voted That the Committee on repairs be discharged

Voted on Motion of Willis J. Webber
That the Treasurer be requested to give each member of the Prudential Committee a copy of the securities held by the Parish

Voted On Motion of B. E. Campbell
That the funds held by the parish be invested to the satisfaction of the Parish

Voted That when we adjourn we adjourn subject to the call of the Prudential Committee

Voted That we do now adjourn subject to call of the Ex. Comtee
Attest E. B. Brown Clerk

May 3rd Another special meeting ~~meeting~~ of the Parish followed the adjournment of the aforesaid meeting. To act on the following communication from the Congl Church Viz

Brimfield Mass May 3rd 1913
To the Prudential Committee of the First Parish or Congl Society of Brimfield Mass.
Greeting

At a business meeting of the Church held on Saturday Apl 26th 1913 for the choice of a Pastor. The Church voted unanimously to extend a call to the Rev William A. Estabrook of Middlefield Mass. to become our Pastor. Voted to inform the Parish of the action of the Church and ask them to concur in the same. Voted to choose a committee of three to act with the committee of the Parish in carrying the same into effect. Committee Minor H. Corbin. Edward B. Brown. Martha E. Streeter. Attest E. B. Brown Church Clerk.

For Moderator of this Meeting Minor H Corbin was chosen

Voted on motion of Willie A. Webber that the Parish concur with the Church and extend a call to the Rev William A. Estabrook to become our Pastor in the Gospel Ministry

Voted That a Committee of three be chosen to act with the Church Committee in carrying the foregoing into effect. and ~~Chosen~~. Nelson Booth. Edward B. Brown. and Bertie E. Campbell were chosen the Committee

Voted on motion of Willie A Webber that we accept the application of Edward W. Fairfield to become a Member of this Parish

Voted To adjourn subject to the call of the Prudential Committee
Attest Edward B. Brown Parish Clerk

Copy of letter of Church and Parish in extending a call to Rev William A. Estabrook of Middlefield Mass to become Pastor of this Church and Society

Brimfield May 3rd 1913.

Rev William A. Estabrook

Dear Sir. and Brother.

At a business meeting of the First Congregational Church Brimfield Mass held April 26th 1913. The Church voted unanimously to extend the invitation to you to become Pastor of this Church in the Gospel ministry And Voted to ask the Parish connected with this Church to concur in the invitation.

At a meeting of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious worship in Brimfield held Saturday evening April 26th 1913 it was Voted unanimously to concur in the invitation of the Church and extend a call to Rev William A. Estabrook to become pastor of this Church and people.

Voted To offer you an annual salary of Eight Hundred Dollars (800) and the use of the Parsonage. with the exception of one room used as a store room. and the East Scaffold in the barn.
No part of the buildings to be rented without the mutual consent of both Parish and Committee. and if rented the avails shall go to the Parish.
The salary to be paid if possible in equal monthly payments with the privilege of being absent three Sabbaths in each

year. And also provided that the connection may be dissolved at anytime by either parties giving three months notice to that effect.

Acting as the duly authorized agents of the aforesaid Church and Parish we most cordially extend to you this invitation to become the Gospel Minister and Pastor of this Church and People.

And allow us to express the hope that the same may be accepted by you, and that it may be a mutual blessing to both Pastor and People. Also that the same may be effected as soon as may be consistent without conflicting with other engagements and duties

Minor V. Corbin	Com.	Melvin Booth	Committee
Edward B. Brown	of	Edward B Brown	of the
Martha E. Shirley	Church	Bertie E. Campbell	Parish

A true copy attest Edward B. Brown
Parish Clerk

Copy of the Rev William A. Estabrook's letter of reply

Middlefield Mass. May 14th 1913

To the Congregational Church, and Parish of Brimfield Mass.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Realizing that to leave our parish where pastor and people are in heartily in accord, for another untried field, is a very responsible step to take. I have tried to leave the whole question in the hands of our divine Father, and I seem to hear in your unanimous call, His voice as well as yours.

I now accept the call which you so graciously extended to me. To commence my pastorate with you on the First day of July 1913.

What the results of our united service will be, God only knows, but we may be assured of this, that if we work for his glory and not our own, ever humbly seeking his guidance, the result will be for the advancement of his kingdom. Let us pray earnestly for each other both now and always. (Continued)

that through us the world may see the Christ, and that his peace which passeth all understanding may enter many hearts.
And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.,

Sincerely yours in the Master's service.
William A. Estabrook

A true record. Attest Edward B. Brown
Parish Clerk.

(Mr Estabrook began his labors as pastor of this Church July 6" 1913)

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Warrant Annual Parish Meeting
Hampden SS

To Edward B. Brown Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society Brimfield Massachusetts
Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at Parish Hall in Brimfield on Tuesday the Sixth day of January next at 1:30 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles.
Viz

Article First To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

" Second To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the ensuing year, also all Committees and agents the business of the Parish may require.

" Third To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer, and any Committees or Agents heretofore choosen

" Fourth To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, Supporting Singing, Payment of debts and current expences of the Parish and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same

" Fifth To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current expences

" Sixth To see if the Parish will give the Treasurer the same authority in regard to the securities held by the Parish as given in former years.

" Seventh To hear and act on any applications for Membership to the Parish which may be presented.

" Eighth To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the business of the Parish may require

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by

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posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting house seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of Meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of December A.D. 1913.

Edward B. Brown } Prudential
Miner H. Corbin
Clarence B. Brown | Committee

I have served this Warrant as herein directed

Attest Edward B Brown Parish Clerk

Brimfield January 6th 1914
The annual meeting of the Parish was held in the Vestry of the Church and a quorum not being present the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday January 13th 1914 at 7 3/4 P.M.
attest Edward B Brown Parish Clerk

Adjourned Parish Meeting held in the Church on Tuesday evening January 13th 1914 at 7 3/4 o'clock P.M. a quorum not being present the meeting was again adjourned to meet at the house of Edward B. Brown on Friday evening January 16th at 7 3/4 o'clock
Attest Edward B Brown Parish Clerk
Brimfield January 16th 1914

Adjourned annual Parish Meeting.
Meeting called to order by the Clerk. Edward B Brown and Clarence B Brown was chosen Moderator of the meeting.
Voted to take the Officers chosen
Edward B Brown was chosen Clerk for the year ensuing.

Edward B Brown } Prudential
Miner H. Corbin } Committee
Clarence B Brown

Frederick Bissell was chosen Auditor for the year ensuing

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For Treasurer Milner H Corbin was chosen for the ensuing year

Voted To pass over Art 2" for the present

Voted To take up Art 3 To hear the report of our Treasurer which was given by Dea Milner H Corbin

Voted That the report be accepted and adopted when Audited.

Voted That we take up Art 4" of the Warrant.

Voted To raise and appropriate so much money as will with the income of the Ministerial funds meet Eight Hundred Dollars and the use of the Parsonage for Salary of Pastor for the current year

Voted That one third of the income of the Music funds be appropriated for singing and if there is any deficiency it be paid from the treasury.

Voted That we take the same means to raise money as last year. by envelope system and Collections

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish with the consent and approval of the Prudential Committee

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to sell transfer or reinvest any of the securities held by the Parish subject to the advice and consent of the Parish

Voted That we choose a Collector. Made choice of Clarence B Brown

Voted On Motion of B. E. Campbell.
That we accept the application of Jesse Hodges to become a member of our Parish

The following resolution was presented to the Parish
Resolved that it is desirable that each member of the Church both Male and Female over twenty one years of age be a member of the Parish

A Vote on this resolution was favorable.

Voted That the Prudential Committee prepare a new Warrant covering this Resolution to be presented to the Parish at an Adjourned parish Meeting.

Voted That we now adjourn Subject to the call of the Prudential Committee.

Attest. a true record Edward B Brown Parish Clerk.

Warrant for Special Parish Meeting

Hampden ss.

To Edward B. Brown Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society Brimfield Mass.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in Brimfield on Thursday the Fifteenth day of October next at 7.30 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles. Viz.

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. 2nd To see what action if any the parish will take with reference to a vote taken at the annual Parish Meeting held on Friday evening January 16th 1914 whereby it was Voted. That it is desirable that each member of the Church both male and female over twenty one (21) years of age become members of the Parish

Art. 3rd To see if the Parish will vote to install electric lights in the Church or act thereon.

Art. 4th To see what action if any the Parish will take with reference to obtaining water for use at the Church

Art. 5th To see what action if any the Parish will take in regard to By Laws or act thereon

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(special warrant continued)

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting-house seven days at least before the time of said meeting

Fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of Meeting.

Given under our hands this Sixth day of October A.D. 1914

Edward B Brown
Milner H. Corbin } Prudential Committee
Clarence B. Brown

I have served the within Warrant as therein directed.
Edward B Brown Parish Clerk

Brimfield October 15th 1914

Before taking up the special Warrant Article Seventh of the Annual Warrant was taken up referring to Applications for Membership and the names of Mr Fred J. Parker, Robert A Streeter, and Charles M. Streeter were presented and it was.

Voted That Fred J. Parker, Robert A. Streeter, and Charles M Streeter be received Members of this Parish.

Voted On Motion of E.B. Brown, that this Meeting be now dissolved

Brimfield October 15. 1914

The Warrant for the Special Parish Meeting was read by Clerk E B Brown, and

Clarence B. Brown was chosen Moderator

(Art-2) Voted That we take up Article 2 of the Warrant referring to a resolution on Church Membership

Voted On Motion of Edward W. Fairfield, That each Member of the Church both male and female over twenty one years of age be eligable to become members of the Parish under the same conditions as Parish Members are at the present time

Art-3 On Motion of M. H Corbin Voted that we choose a Committee of Three to solicit funds for wiring and installing electric lights in the Church

John H. Noyes
Edward B Brown } Committee
Charles M Streeter

Voted To take up Article 4. On Motion of John H Noyes that we pass over this article

Voted. on Motion of Winer H Corbin that we take up Article 5th To choose a Committee to prepare a code or system of By Laws. said Committee to consist of three members. Edward B Brown. Winer H Corbin and Edward W. Fairfield were chosen that Committee and they to report at the next Annual Parish Meeting.

Voted That we now adjourn subject to the call of the Prudential Committee

A true record Edward B. Brown Parish Clerk

Brimfield Oct 31st 1914

An adjourned Parish Meeting of the Society held in the Church parlor this evening 7.30 o'clock. Meeting called to order by the Moderator Clarence B. Brown. The records of the meeting held on Oct 5 were called for and presented by the Parish Clerk.

Voted That they be accepted and adopted

The Committee chosen at the previous Parish meeting to solicit funds for Wiring and installing Electric Lights in the Church reported that a subscription of One Hundred and Fifty one Dollars had been subscribed however

Which was afterwards raised to one Hundred & Seventy four dollars

Voted That we choose a Committee of three (3) to procure and cause the lower part of the Church to be wired for electric lights and the following Committee were chosen

John H. Noyes
Edward B. Brown } Com.
Fred J Parker

The Matter of Wiring the Parsonage was then taken up it having been wired by Mr John H Noyes at an expence of One Hundred Dollars and given a present to the Society

Voted On Motion of Winer H. Corbin. That we extend to Mr. Noyes a hearty Vote of thanks for this gift to our Society accept it and

Voted. On Motion of John H Noyes. That we now Adjourn subject to the call of the Prudential Committee

A true record. Edward B Brown Parish Clerk

Adjourned Special Parish meeting
Brimfield Dec 3rd 1914

The committee on Wiring the Church for Electric Lights wish to report additional gifts of Twelve Dollars which with the previous gifts of One Hundred and Sixty Three Dollars ($163.00) makes the Total Subscription to One Hundred and Seventy Four Dollars.
The Committee have completed the wiring of the lower part of the Church at an expence of One Hundred and Twenty Three, leaving an unexpended balance in the Parish treasury of Fifty One Dollars.

Voted That the names of each Subscriber and the amount each subscribed be entered on our Parish records

Voted On Motion of M. H. Corbin that the Parish extend to the Committee a hearty Vote of thanks for their very successful effort in securing the same.

Voted On Motion of John H. Noyes that this Committee be now discharged.

Voted on Motion of B. E. Campbell. That we reconsider a Vote taken at a previous Meeting under this Warrant whereby it was Voted to pass over Article 4th of the warrant relating to a water supply for the Church and it was Voted. That we avail ourselves of the privilege of connecting with the Town water supply for use at the Church said privilege having been granted by Vote of the town

Voted That we choose a Committee of three to take charge of the work. and Robert J. Streeter, Bertie E. Campbell, and Clarence B. Brown were chosen the Committee

The names of Albert R. Brown and Orrin Hicks were read. Applicants for Membership to the Parish and it was decided as there was no Article in the Warrant covering applications for membership to the Parish they could not be acted upon

Voted - It was therefore Voted. That we prepare a New Warrant covering this point of application of Members to be presented at an adjourned meeting

Meeting.

Voted - That we now adjourn to Saturday December fourteenth
(Dec 14) at 7.30 P.M.

Attest - E B Brown Parish Clerk

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Warrant for Special Parish Meeting.

Hampden s.s.

To Edward B Brown Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society Brimfield Massachusetts

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Members of said society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Saturday December Fourteenth 12th 1914 at 7.30 P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles. Viz.

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.
" 2d To hear and act on any applications for Membership to the Parish should any be presented
" 3d To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interest of the Parish may require

Fourth you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting House seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting

Fifth of fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of Meeting.

Given under our hands this Fourth (4) day of December A.D. 1914.

Edward B. Brown } Prudential
Winer H. Corbin } Committee
Clarence B. Brown }

I have served the foregoing Warrant as herein directed

Edward B. Brown Parish Clerk.

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Brimfield December 12th 1914

Met in accordance to Adjournment

In the absence of the Moderator Clarence B Brown the meeting was called to order by the Clerk the Special Warrant No 2 was in readiness but as there was not a quorum to do any business on Motion of John H. Noyes. It was Voted. That we now adjourn to Saturday Dec 19th 1914 at the same place and hour 7.30 o'clock P.M.

A true record. Attest Edward B. Brown Parish Clerk

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Adjourned Parish Meeting

Brimfield Dec 19th 1914

The meeting called to order by the Moderator Clarence B. Brown. The record of the previous meetings was called for and read by the Clerk Edward B Brown.

Voted That they be accepted and adopted

The Committee on procuring water for use at the Church. Reported by its Chairman Mr Robert J. Streeter that the Work of ditching and laying of the pipe had been carried forward. and that the ditch had been dug and the pipe laid to a point under the Kitchen floor. where it was stoped awaiting necessary repairs in the Kitchen

Voted. On motion of Edward W. Fairfield. That the Committee on Water supply for the Church be empowered to make such repairs as are necessary for the introduction of Water for use at the Church subject to the approval of the Parish

A Resolve presented by Mr Streeter

Resolved that the First Parish or Congregational Society hereby express its appreciation of and gratitude for the efforts of all those who contributed to the successful installing of a water supply system for use in the Church

Voted That the Parish accept of this resolution

Voted That this meeting be now dissolved

Attest E B Brown Parish Clerk

Warrant for Special Parish Meeting
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Meeting called to order by the Clerk Edward B Brown

Voted That the Clerk cast one ballot for Clarence B Brown for Moderator of this Meeting Mr Brown declared elected.

Voted. That we take up Article 2nd of the Warrant on Application for Membership.

The names of three applicants for membership in this Parish were read Viz Albert R Brown. Orrin Hicks. and William S Spooner. they were chosen by ballott and declared Members of this Parish

Voted That we change the date of holding our annual Parish meeting to the First week in January of each Year

Voted. On Motion of John H. Noyes That we choose a Committee of three to examine the Securities held by the Parish and present an itemized account of each one at an an adjourned meeting - and that they be entered on the Secretary's Book.

John H. Noyes
Edward B Brown
Clarence B Brown
} Committee of Three

Voted That we do now adjourn

Attest. Edward B Brown Parish Clerk

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Annual Parish Meeting; The Warrant

Hampden S.S.
To Edward B. Brown Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Massachusetts

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Wednesday the Sixth day of January next at 7 30 o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles. Viz:

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

" 2" To choose all necessary officers for the year ensuing, also all Committees and Agents the business of the Parish may require.

" 3" To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer, and any Committees or Agents heretofore Choosen.

" 4" To raise and Aproprate Money for the salary of Pastor, Support of singing, payment of debts and Current expences of the Parish and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

" 5" To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow Money for the payment of Parish debts and Current expences.

" 6" To see if the Parish will give the Treasurer authority to sell, transfer or invest any of the securities or funds held by the Parish subject to the advice and Consent of the Prudential Committee, and Parish.

" 7" To hear and act on any Applications for membership to the Parish, should any be presented.

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Article 8. To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interest of the Parish may require

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested Copy of the same at the Meeting house seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of Meeting.

Given under our hands this Thirtieth (30) day December A. D. 1914

Edward B. Brown) Prudential
Miner H. Corbin
Clarence B. Brown) Committee

I have served the within Warrant as therein directed

December 30th - 1914
Attest Edward B. Brown Parish Clerk

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Annual Parish meeting held January 6 1915.

Met according to the call of the Warrant.
Meeting called to order by the Clerk Edward B. Brown who read the Warrant after which Robert J. Strider was chosen Moderator.

Voted To proceed to the choice of Officers. Edward B Brown was chosen Clerk.
Miner H Corbin " " Treasurer.
William S. Spooner " " Auditor.
Clarence B Brown " " Collector

Voted That we choose a Prudential Committee of Five Members.

John H Noyes
Filbert R. Brown
Edward B. Brown
Clarence B. Brown
Bertie E Campbell.
} Committee Chosen

Voted on Motion of Clarence B Brown, to place Article 2" on the table for the present

(Voted) Report of the Treasurer was called for and presented by the treasurer Miner H. Corbin

Voted That the report be accepted and adopted when Audited.

The Report of the Committee chosen to examine the Funds held by the Parish and report at the next Annual Parish Meeting was presented and it

Voted - was voted that the report be accepted and entered on this Book. Viz

One Share Oregon Short Line six per cent Bond $1000.00
(First Mortgage .06)
The Oregon Short Line R.R. Co" .05 per cent Bond 500.00
Union Pacific R.R. Co" 10 Shares Common Stock
at $100.00 Each paying .08 per cent 1000.00
Union Pacific R.R. Co" 1 Share 100.00
Southern Pacific Company 5 Shares Common Stock
at $100.00 per Share 500.00

Invested Funds of the Parish Continued

The Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe R.R. Co	
3 Shares $100. each of Preferred Stock	$300,00
The Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Rail Road Company	
one (1) Share Common Capital Stock .06	100,00
Manhattan R. R. Co 1 Share .07 per cent	100,00
One (1) Share Interborough Metropolitan Co .05	100,00
United States Steel Corporation Preferred Stock	
One Share .07 per cent	100,00
United States Corporation Common Stock	
six Shares @ 2½ per cent	600,00
St Louis and Sanfrancisco R. R. First Preferred Stock	
2 Shares $100,00 each	200,00
1 Share United States Steel Preferred	
The Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Co 1 Share Preferred Stock	100,00
The Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Co	
2 Shares Common Stock	200,00
The Calvert Mortgage Co 10 Shares .06 per cent	1000,00
Butler Gas Light and Heating Co	
170 Shares @ $10,00 each	1700,00
Eastern Consolidated Oil Co	
150 Shares @ 25¢ each	37,50
Ware Savings Bank .04	1103,00
Monson Savings Bank .04	1036,00
3 Southbridge Savings Bank Books	988,23
Warren Savings Bank	100,00
Warren Savings Bank	500,00
Palmer Savings Bank	955,00
3 Notes of Wm J Eaton $500, $500, and $200, .06	1200,00
2 Notes of Minor H. Corbin $150,00, $1000,00,	1150,00
Mercantile Reality Co 1 Share	25,00
Electric Gas Co of America 60 Shares @ 25¢ each thrown in with oil stock	
Funds Given The Society The Emily J Wilkinson Fund	2,000,00
Samuel H. Hitchcock Fund	5000,00
John Wyles "	5000,00
Anne H. Brown "	150,00
Elisha March "	500,00
Lucy R. Foster "	500,00
Francis H Bliss "	2421,23
Newton S. Hubbard "	1000,00
Lucius & Mary Agard "	150,00
Arthur B. Brown "	250,00
Ellen Coy "	150,00

No Value

No Value

Mrs Louella Lathrop by her Will $1000,00

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The Committee chosen to draw up some By Laws presented their report and they were read by the Moderator

Voted That they be referred back to the Committee a few changes being suggested and another report given at an adjourned meeting.

Voted - That we raise and appropriate so much money as will with the income of Ministerial Funds make Eight Hundred Dollars and the use of the Parsonage for Salary of Pastor for the current year.

Voted. On Motion of Albert R. Brown that a Committee of three (3) be chosen to act in conjunction with the Collector and report at the adjourned meeting regarding a method for raising funds for the Parish. this motion was amended by substituting the Prudential Committee for a Committee of Three to be chosen & the motion as amended was passed

Voted. To lay Articles 6th and 7 of the Warrant on the Table for the present

Voted That the Parish accept the offer of one of the two Horse sheds the property of Clarence B Brown, with thanks, should he decide to give one.

Voted. On the application of Fred N. Lawrence for Membership in the Parish and he was unanimously elected by ballot.

Voted - That we do now adjourn to Wednesday Jan 20th 1915. At the close of the Mid week pray meeting in the Church Parlor

A true record Attest. Edward B. Brown Parish Clerk

Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting
Brimfield January 20th, 1915

Met according to Adjournment with the Moderator in the Chair, and called to order

Report of the previous meeting was called for given by the Clerk Edward B Brown

Voted That it be accepted, and recorded.

The report of the Soliciting Committee was called for and given by Mr Albert R. Brown, showing that the Prudential Committee has formed themselves into a Soliciting Committee covering the whole parish dividing the whole into parts each one canvassing a certain part.

Voted. That the Treasurer have the same authority with reference to borrowing money for Parish expenses as he has had in former years.

Voted That we now adjourn subject to the Call of the Clerk
Attest Edward B. Brown Parish Clerk

Brimfield Feb. 8th 1915
Adjourned Parish Meeting held after the Wednesday Evening meeting. Meeting called to order by the Moderator Robert J. Strutter

The subject of the By Laws which was referred back to the Com. was again taken up and revised, and Adopted as Revised and placed on record.

Voted. That the unexpended balance of the Subscription be invested as a separate fund for further wiring of the Church for Electric Lights

Voted That the Matter of giving Our Pastor Rev Mr Southbrook an increase in Salary of one hundred Dollars (100.) for the year 1915 be left in the hands of the Parish Committee and the Treasurer

Voted That the Clerk be [illegible] to cause the Clock in the Auditorium to be cleaned and repaired

Voted That we do now Adjourn. Edward B Brown
Parish Clerk

1915

Warrant for
Special Parish Meeting
Hampden S.S.

To Edward B Brown Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Massachusetts

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Monday the Fourth (4) day of October 1915. at 7 30 O'clock P.M. then and there to Act on the following Articles Viz

First - To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

Second To see if the Parish will vote to purchase Two Furnaces for heating the Church and if so voted to determine what Method such be adopted to, install them including the necessary alterations.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting no less seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to me at the time and place of Meeting

Given under our hands this 23rd day of September A. D. 1915.

Clarence B. Brown
John H. Noyes
Edward B. Brown
Albert R. Brown
Bertie E. Campbell
} Prudential Committee

Pursuant to the within Warrant as therein directed
Edward B. Brown Parish Clerk

Meeting of Oct 4th 1915

Special Parish Meeting held in the Vestry of the Church on Monday Evening October fourth (4) 1915.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk Edward B. Brown who read the Warrant.
Robert J Struter was chosen Moderator.

Voted To take up Article Second of the Warrant relating to Furnaces. Four plans with specifications were presented to the Parish and discussion followed at the close of which on Motion of Albert R Brown it was Voted that the Parish accept Mr Winters guarantee to heat the Church by placing two (2) Furnaces in the Sunday Parlor the petition to be moved to accommodate the same

Voted On Motion of Edward W. Fairfield. That the matter of heating the Church by Mr Winter's plan be left in the hands of the Prudential Committee

Voted On Motion of John H. Noyes That we do now adjourn Subject to the call of the Clerk.

A true record Edward B. Brown
Clerk

(For 1915) The Report of the Prudential Committee recorded on Page 334

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Springfield October 15th 1887

We the undersigned agree to pay into the Treasury of the First Parish or Congregational Society in Springfield the amount set against our names for the purpose of installing Electric Lights in the Church and Parish property.

Names	Amount
Edward B. Brown	$10,00
John H. Noyes	10,00
Rebecca M. Lincoln	10,00
Dr Samuel A Fick	10,00
Mrs S. W. Brown and Miss Julia Warren	10,00
Miner H. Corbin	5,00
B. E Campbell	5,00
Clarence Brown and E. W. Fairfield	5,00
The Bissell Family	5,00
Orrin Hicks	5,00
Martha E. Streeter and Family	5,00
Melvern Bovin	5,00
Geo" M Hitchcock	5,00
Dr Sawin and Mr Davis	5,00
Albert R. Brown	10,00
Geo. F. Kenney	5,00
Geo L Ford his Sisters, and Niece	5,00
Bertie A Barnes and Daughter	3,00
Charles E. and Marietta Brown	5,00
The Spooner Family	5,00
" Elda Family	1,00
Margaret Dunsmore	2,00
Fred J. Parker	5,00
H. E Maddocks	1,00
Edward W. Hitchcock	5,00
E. S. Howes	1,00
Mr and Mrs F. Edgar Brown	1,00
Charles Tarbell family, and Sister Anna	5,00
E. M. Stowell	1,00
O. E. Parker	2,00
E. N. King	1,00
A. L. Wilcox & son Leon	1,00
H. A Fogg	1,00
Fred N Lawrence & family	2,00
	$157,00

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Amount brought forward.	$157.00
Mrs. H. E. Kathern	1.00
" Solomon Gould	1.00
" Julia A. Hubbard	1.00
George E. Hitchcock & Son	1.00
Frank G. Hitchcock	1.00
William R. Lathrop	1.00
James Walter Brown	1.00
Mrs. Luella Lathrop	10.00
Total.	$174.00

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Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting

Hampden S.S.

To Edward B. Brown Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Massachusetts,

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Thursday the Sixth (6) day of January next at 7.30 O'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz:

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

" 2 To Choose all the necessary officers for the year ensuing. Also all Committees and Agents the business of the Parish may require

" 3 To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer, and any Committees or Agents heretofore Chosen

" 4 To raise and Appropriate Money for Salary of Pastor, Support of Singing, payment of debts and Current expenses of the Parish and determine what Method shall be adopted to secure the same.

" 5 To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and Current expenses.

" 6 To see if the Parish will give the Treasurer Authority to sell, transfer, or reinvest any of the Securities or funds held by the Parish Subject to the advice and Consent of the Prudential Committee and Parish.

" 7 To hear and act on any Applications for Membership to the Parish should any be presented.

Annual Meeting continued

Article 8. To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interest of the Parish may require.

And you are directed hereby to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting-house seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this Twenty Eighth day of December A.D. 1905.

Edward B. Brown
Albert R. Brown
Bertie E. Campbell
John H. Noyes
Clarence B Brown

Prudential Committee

I have served this Warrant as therein directed

Edward B. Brown Parish Clerk

Annual Parish Meeting
held in the Ladies Parlor on Thursday January Sixth (6) 1916.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk who read the Warrant and Clarence B. Brown was chosen Moderator

Voted. It was voted to take up Article 3rd of the Warrant and the report of the Prudential Committee was called for and given by their Clerk. Albert R. Brown

Voted On Motion of Lea M. H Corbin that the reports of the Prudential Committee be accepted and adopted.

Voted on Motion of Mr Wm S. Spooner that the Parish extend a Vote of thanks to the Committee for their services.

Voted to hear the report of the Treasurer, and it was voted that it be recommitted to the Treasurer for his correction before taking action upon it

Voted On Motion of Albert R. Brown. That we take up Article 4th of the Warrant. Officers as follows

For Clerk Edward B. Brown
" Treasurer Milner H. Corbin
" Collector John H. Noyes (Resigned)
" Auditor William S Spooner
" Clarence B Brown (Elected to fill vacancy)

For Prudential Committee

John H. Noyes
Clarence B. Brown
Albert R. Brown
Edward B. Brown
Fred N. Lawrence

Voted On Motion of Wm S. Spooner. That the matter embodied in 4th Article of the Warrant be left in the hands of the Prudential Committee.

Voted That we take up Article 5th

Voted On motion of Albert R. Brown That the Treasurer be empowered to borrow Money for current expences of the Parish

Annual meeting continued

Article 6th was taken up

Voted on motion of Albert R Brown That the Treasurer be authorized to sell or transfer or reinvest any of the securities of the Parish subject to the approval of the Prudential Committee

Bills to be approved before paid

Voted To take up Article 8th

Voted On Motion of Albert R Brown. That all Bills of the Parish be approved by the Prudential Committee before paid

Voted That we do now Adjourn for two (2) Weeks or Jan 20th at 7.30 P.M. in this room.

A true Record

Edward B. Brown Parish Clerk

Brimfield January 20th 1916

Adjourned Annual Meeting held in Dodge Parlor. Meeting called to order by the Clerk. The Moderator not being present and as according to our By Laws a quorum not being present the meeting was again Adjourned for one week from this date to meet at the home of Mr Albert R Brown on Thursday January 27th at 7.30 O'clock P.M.

Edward B. Brown Parish Clerk

Brimfield January 27th 1916.

Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting at home of Mr Albert R. Brown.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator Clarence B Brown. Records of the Annual Meeting were called for and given by the Clerk

Voted That the report be accepted and adopted

The Parish on Motion of Albert R Brown Voted to [illegible] Mr Frank H. Wood a vote of thanks for his gift of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) in payment for the repairs on the Church the current Year.

Mr Frank H. Wood was elected as Collector for the current Year. His resignation was accepted and Clarence B. Brown was chosen to fill vacancy

Voted That the Prudential Committee procure Clips or Cards to be used in acknowledgement of individual gifts towards the

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Adjourned annual Parish Meeting continued.

- running expences of the Parish

Voted That the Treasurers report be accepted and adopted

Voted That we accept the Auditors report and also his recommendations

1° Receipt books shall be kept by the Treasurer for all Moneys received by him. Both from the local Collector, and of Income from Invested Funds.

2° The Treasurer shall give in his annual report a detailed list of all the property of the Parish and the amount received from each during the year

3° Whereas the Auditor cannot verify the accounts of the Treasurer he shall be authorized to make necessary examination of all property of the Parish ~~including~~ Bank accounts and Cash on hand

Voted That the Prudential Committee be authorized to expend the unexpended balance of money raised for digging the Church in payment for the New Furnace placed in the Church this year.

Voted That this meeting be now adjourned without date.

A true record.

Edward B. Brown Parish Clerk

The Annual Parish Meeting Warrant

Hampden S.S.

To Edward B. Brown Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Massachusetts.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Thursday the Fourth day of January next at 7.30 O'Clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles

Viz

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

" 2" To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the year ensuing also all Committees and Agents the business of the Parish may require

" 3" To hear and Act on the Report of the Prudential Committee Treasurer and any Committees or Agents heretofore chosen

" 4 To see and Appropriate money for the Salary of Pastor, Support of Singing, Payment of debts and current expences of the Parish and determine what shall be adopted to secure the same.

" 5" To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of the Parish debts and current expences

" 6" To see if the Parish will give the Treasurer authority to sell transfer or remove any of the securities or funds belonging to the Parish subject to the Advice and consent of the Prudential Committee and Parish

" 7" To hear and act on any Applications for Membership to the Parish should any be presented.

" 8" To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interest of the Parish may require (over)

— continued Annual Warrant —

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting House Seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of Meeting

Given under our hands this Twenty Third (23) day of December A. D. 1916.

Clarence B Brown
Edward B Brown
Fred N Lawrence
Albert R Brown
} Prudential Committee

I have served the above Warrant as therein directed
Edward B Brown Parish Clerk

Annual Meeting January 4th 1917

Annual meeting of the First Parish in Congregational Society held January 4th 1917.
Meeting called to order by the Clerk Edward B. Brown at 7½ P.M. who read the Warrant

Article 1st Was taken up and Charles M Strater was chosen Moderator.

Article 6th. Was then taken up. And the names of Harry C. Vorenberg was read as an Applicant for membership in the Parish also the name of Charles W Robinson

Voted On Motion of Albert R Brown to lay the application on the table to be taken up at an adjourned Meeting

Voted That we do now adjourn to Thursday January 11th at Eight (8) O'clock. in the Ladies Parlor.

Attest E. B Brown Clerk

Adjourned Parish Meeting
January 11th 1917

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Charles M Strutter at 8 o'clock

The report of the last meeting was called for and given by the Clerk Edward B Brown.

Voted To take up Article 3rd. The report of the Prudential Committee was called for and given by A. R. Brown.

Voted That it be accepted and placed on file

Report of the Treasurer was called for and given by our Treasurer Minnie B. Corbin

Voted That the report be accepted and adopted.

The Auditors Report was also given and accepted

Voted To take up Article 2nd Choice of Officers

For Clerk Edward B Brown was chosen
" Treas Clarence B Brown " "
" Collector Clarence B Brown " "
" Auditor Albert R Brown " "

For Prudential Committee for

Edward B Brown
Fred N. Thomas
Bertie E Campbell
William S Spooner
Frederick Bissell
} Prudential Committee

Voted To take up Article 4th On Motion of Clarence B Brown Voted That we pay our Pastor a Salary of Nine Hundred Dollars ($900.00) the current year. and that other Matters of Expenditure be left in the hands of the Prudential Committee. Singing. Fuel - Lights. and etc.

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for Parish
Article 5th expenses in accordance with our By Laws.

" Voted To defer Action on the Application for Membership to Person B. Z.

Voted The Prudential Committee Voted to Pay Mrs J. Edgar Brown the same Salary the current year as we paid last year for Singing

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Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting continued

Report of the Prudential Committee
January 4th 1916

The Prudential Committee met and organized with Clarence B Brown chairman, and Albert R Brown Clerk. It was voted to pay our pastor and the organist the same as last year. Mr Edward B Brown was appointed janitor at the same salary as last year.
It was voted to raise money by the same method as last year and the town was divided into five districts. The subscriptions this year did not amount to as much as last year and the payments were not as prompt therefore some is outstanding still about $ and your committee had a hard time to meet expences and as last year we find bills outstanding to the amount of about $1500 which must be paid the coming year as well as the regular expences, this brings us up to the point of whether your Committee has acted to duty and judgement in raising salaries, that is, can, the parish afford it and do others like us pay the same. The pastor is receiving $900 and hence not a raise of $100 per year. While in October Mr. Brown feeling that the duties of janitor were too much for his age resigned and it was voted to take his place your committee had to pay $10.00 per Month while Mr Brown received only $6.00 per Month a raise of almost $50.00 per per year.
In the meantime we appointed to fill vacancy, of Mr Brown resigned in April we brought for the parish two $1000 Dominion of Canada Gold Bonds paying 5% interest. This money was the legacy of Mrs Emily J. Wilkinson of Springfield left in her will to this Parish. The Committee decided to shingle the ell part of the parsonage, the main part to be patched as we thought it would last two or three years longer. And later the whole house was painted two coats which adds greatly to its looks and will preserve the outside for some years to come. Two insurance policies were taken this fall on the property. In the fall your Committee seeing that United States Steel Stock was selling in the Market at a high price we sold our [illegible] and authorized him to sell the six shares of Common Stock had on hand for $[illegible] we made and it has not been sold. Death has visited our Committee during the year Mr Bom Noyes passing to the world beyond. The committee loses a good worker and the parish a [illegible]

Respectfully Submitted Albert R Brown Clerk.

Adjourned annual Meeting continued

Article 7" After discussion it was Voted to pass over any action on the matter of receiving any Members by Vote [illegible] By [illegible] that they be called upon at a future meeting.

Article 8." Was taken up and it was Voted. That the Prudential Committee be instructed and impowered to Repair the Horse sheds that were recently damaged by a severe wind storm.

Voted. on Motion of William B. Spooner. That this Meeting be then dissolved.

A true record. Edward B. Brown Parish Clerk

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Report of the Prudential Committee for the Year 1915

To the 1st Parish or Congregational Society

Your Prudential Committee met and organized with Clarence B Brown Chairman, and Albert R Brown Sec, the members being John C Noyes, Edward B Brown and Bert E Campbell.

We met several times to talk over and mature plans for the way and means of raising Money for the current year, and decided to divide the Town as nearly equally as possible into five parts and each to solicit gifts in his section. This was done and we each had about equal results. Some of us a family they responded and gave as their means allowed. Some refused to give and some wished to wait until they saw the need at the end of the year. These later have not been seen again as we were not begging only asking for what we thought they should give.

As I say most gave, liberally and in all $744. was placed on our papers, at the close of the year I am sorry to say about $500 is outstanding. There may not be the exact figures but the Treasurers report will give them as he received them from the Collector.

On August 7th the Church was struck by lightning and the steeple and Church proper damaged to large extent. The Committee met with the Insurance Co and adjusted the damages at $551.75 which we thought a fair estimate of the damage done.

We hired Mr F. L. Jones of Palmer to repair the Church and as the two chimneys had to be rebuilt we decided to build one large one on the outside of the building by so doing Mr Jones allowed us $50.00 on the price ~~the~~ allowed by the Insurance Co which we used on other repairs. We believe the Church inside and out is in better condition than one year ago and that the one chimney is an improvement over the two small ones.

In looking over the furnaces to make needed repairs we found them in a very unsafe condition due to age and we decided to put in two new furnaces. After an extended investigation it was decided to call a meeting of the Parish to see which plan to follow and although the records of that meeting will give the action of that meeting, I will say that the figures

were as follows. - Lyons of Palmer $200.00 - Winter of Southbridge $285.80 - Whitcomb & Falkner Palmer $325.00 - Root of Warren $376.00, the Parish voted to take the plan and bid of Mr Winter and he has installed the furnaces. This contract did not include the carpenter or mason work which was given to Mr Jones and Mr Laliberte the one bill being $99.66 and for cold air pipes extra to Mr Winter of $40.00 making the total cost of the heating plant $924.66 these bills have not all been paid for two reasons one is we did not have money money and the other is that the furnaces at present are not satisfactory in every detail but are to be fixed by Mr Winter to conform to the specifications of his agreement with the Parish. The Committee feel and know a needed repairs has thus been made and that it will meet the needs required. We also have gone over the bills and finances carefully and we believe it all can be paid in a few months without borrowing any money, this has been made possible by the generosity of one of the Committee Mr John R. Voyes who at our last meeting gave the parish a Check of $100.00 to be paid on account of the furnaces, We believe some recognition should be made of this gift by the parish as he also has given liberally before and is one of the highest givers for current expenses. Although the Committee started under these conditions that is the parish was about $145.00 in debt yet the pledges being so uncertain that your Committee decided to raise the salary of the pastor to $75.00 a month commencing April 1st 1915. Making his salary $900.00 per year instead of $800.00 this we believe has met with general satisfaction.

We are closing the year with a balance of $128.76 although with outstanding bills of $400.46, a deficit of $271.71 but with the $100.00 given by Mr R. Voyes and the $75.00 to be collected leaves only about $95.00 in debt this we believe can be cared for with the income and money turned over by the people during the months of Jan & Feb besides paying all current bills for these Months. If only general expenses had come to our hands the past year the books would have shown a balance of about $185.00 with $75. to collect which with the $145. deficit makes a total of $305. budged over general expenses of the year but this must not lessen the efforts of the next Committee of parish as there are other repairs coming along in the next three years that must be met on Church & Parsonage in order to keep all attractive and comfortable for Pastor & people.

We hope the labors and efforts of your Committee will be approved by the Parish and we wish to thank the parish & people for their Cooperation with us in the work

Respectfully Submitted Clarence B. Brown Chairman
Alice E. Brown Sec. } Prudential Committee

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Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting.
Hampden ss

To Edward B. Brown
Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society
Brimfield Massachusetts

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in Brimfield on Thursday the third day of January next at 7.30 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles

Viz

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

" 2nd To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the ensuing year also all Committees and Agents the business of the Parish may require.

" 3rd To hear and act on the Report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer, Auditor or any Committees heretofore chosen.

" 4th To raise and appropriate money for the Salary of Pastor, Support of singing, Payment of debts and Current expenses of the Parish and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same

" 5th To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and Current expenses.

" 6th To see if the parish will give the Treasurer the same authority in regard to the Securities held by the parish as he was given in former years.

" 7th To hear and act on any Applications for Membership to the Parish should any be presented.

" 8th To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interests of the parish may require

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And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting House seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings hereon to us at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this Twenty Sixth day of December A. D. 1917

Edward B. Brown
Bertie E. Campbell
Fred N. Lawrence
Fred Bissell
William D. Spooner
} Prudential Committee of Parish

I have served this Warrant as therein directed
Edward B Brown
Parish Clerk

Annual Parish Meeting January 5th 1918
Meeting called to order by the Clerk Edward B Brown who read the Warrant.
On motion of William D Spooner it was Voted that the Clerk cast one Vote for Rev. A. J. Alexander for Moderator of this Meeting and he was chosen Moderator.

Voted To take up the Articles in Warrant relating to reports of Committees and Agents.
The report of the Prudential Committee was called for [illegible] William D Spooner
Voted. [illegible] report be accepted and adopted

The Treasurer's report was called and given by Edward B Brown the Treasurer and it was Voted that the report of the Treasurer be accepted and adopted

The report of the Auditor Albert L Brown was then given and Voted that be accepted

(over)

Annual Business Meeting Continued

Voted That the Committee chosen to examine the Pastor's library be authorized to sell it.

Voted To take up Article 2 of the Warrant, Officers.

Clerk Edward B Brown
Treas: Frederick B Brown
Aud Robert R. Brown

Prudential Committee

Prudential Committee

Edward B. Brown
William S Spencer
Justus E Campbell
Fred Bissell
Dean Decker

Voted That the matter of the Pastor's salary and also of the Chorister be left with the Prudential Committee, after the news of the Rev for forms.

under Article 7

Article 6 It was voted under Article 5 of our By Laws that no action was necessary. It was voted to pass over Article 6.

" 5 Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money when necessary for the current expenses of the parish

Voted on The Application of Harry E. Lorcious for membership to the parish was presented upon and he was unanimously elected a Member of our Parish

Voted on The Application of Charles W Robinson to become a Member of this parish if we so desire was presented by the Clerk, and the parish expressed a desire that he become a member by vote, upon his application

The matter of our Parish being Exempt from paying an Income Tax was discussed resulting in a Vote. Voted. That Robert R. Brown be a Committee to investigate the matter and report at a future Meeting.

The Income Tax

Voted on Motion of Edward B Brown that the Church extend to Mr. & Mrs Nelson Booth a vote of thanks in appreciation of their gift and effort in securing the necessary Money - and also the Ladies Benevolent Society for their gift of $13.00 for the same object the cost of which was $14.00 for the re-covering of the Cushions in the Gentlemen's room in the Church.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavorers also contributed a chair. and they also receive our appreciation & thanks

Voted. That we do now adjourn until next date

A True record.

Edward B Brown
Parish Clerk

Vote omitted

That a Committee of four (4) be chosen to examine the Pastoral Library and report as to its Value for renewal of Insurance. and what disposition they recommend be Made of it

Edward B. Brown
William A. Estabrook
William S Spooner
Frederick Bissell
} Committee

The Committee after an Examination reported on January 3rd 1918. That in their opinion it is of little value and that it be sold.

Edward B. Brown
William A Estabrook
William S Spooner
Frederick Bissell
} Committee

1919

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting

Hampden SS

To Edward B. Brown Clerk of
The First Parish or Congregational Society of
Brimfield Massachusetts

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
You are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of
said society to meet in Parish Hall in said Brimfield on
Monday the Twelfth day of January next at 7:30 o'clock
P. M. then and there to act on the following Articles
Viz

Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
" 2 To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the year ensuing
also such committees and agents the business of the Parish
May require
" 3 To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee
Treasurer, Auditor, or any Committee heretofore chosen.
" 4 To raise and appropriate Money for the salary of Pastor
support of singing, payment of debts and current expenses
of the Parish and take such action as shall be
adopted, to secure the same
" 5 To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to
borrow money for the payment of Parish debts
and Current expenses.
" 6 To hear and act on any application for dismissal
to the Parish should any be presented.
" 7 To do any other business necessary and proper to be done
that the business of the Parish may require.
And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting
an attested copy of the same at the Meeting house seven
days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty seventh day
of December A. D. 1918.

Edward B. Brown } Prudentials
Bertie E. Campbell }
Orrin Dicks } Committee
[illegible] } "
[illegible] } "

I have served the above Warrant as therein directed
[illegible]

Annual Parish Meeting held January [illegible] 1919

Meeting called to order by the Clerk

Edward B. Brown

Who was re-elected, and Albert R. Brown was chosen Moderator.

Voted — On Motion of William Brown that we take up Article 6 of the Warrant, and act on the Reduction of Charles W Ros[illegible] which was presented at a previous meeting, and action was postponed by a vote [illegible] was received in behalf of this Parish

Voted — To elect the following Officers

Clerk Edward B. Brown

Treasurer [illegible] Brown

Auditor [illegible] B. Brown

[illegible] } Parish Clerk

[illegible] }

[illegible] } [illegible]

[illegible]

Article 8 — Reports of Officers were taken up and the Report of the Treasurer Charles W Brown was given

Voted — That the Report be accepted [illegible]

The report of Treasurer [illegible] B Brown was given

Voted — That it be accepted as read.

The report of the Finance Committee was given by William Brown. Voted that it be accepted

The report of the Committee to examine the [illegible] report was read term as far as they had gone. The report was considered as progressing and that the Committee be continued. And it was Voted that the name of Fred N. Lawrence be added to the Committee.

Voted — That the Salary of Pastor and Chorister be the same as last year.

1919
1920

Report of the Annual meeting Continued

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow Money when necessary for the current expences of the Parish

Voted That the repairs of the Church be left in the hands of the Prudential Committee

Voted That the Ladies Benevolent Society be given a Vote of Thanks for their gift of Fifty Dollars ($50.) for repairs on the Parsonage.

Voted That this Meeting be now Adjourned

A true Record Edward B. Brown Clerk

Warrant for Special Parish Meeting Continued

Voted 2: It was also Voted. That the note held against the Estate of Minnie K. Corbin be collected or renewed by Mrs Sarah B Corbin at the rate of Six per cent, by our Treasurer.

Voted that we do now Adjourn
A true record Edward B. Brown Clerk.

Warrant for Special Parish Meeting

Hampden ss. To Edward B Brown

Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield Massachusetts

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Thursday July Twenty fourth at 8 o'clock P.M. then and there "to act on the following Articles"

Viz

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

" 2nd To see what action if any the Parish will take in regard to any funds now held by the Parish or act thereon.

" 3rd To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the business of the Parish may require.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this Eighteenth day of July A.D. 1919

Edward B. Brown
O. W. Robinson
B. E. Campbell
Wm. E. Noseworth

} Prudential Committee of The Parish

I have served this Warrant as therein directed. E. B. Brown, Clerk.
(The business)

July 24th Meeting called to order by the Clerk at 8 o'clock P.M. Warrant read. Business 1st – For Moderator Wm. S. Spencer was chosen Moderator.
Article 2nd Was taken from table. Voted That the Treasurer be authorized by the Prudential Committee be empowered to invest the Wm. Cole Fund to best advantage of his ability.

The Wm. T. Eaton Note

1920

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting
Hampden ss.

To Edward B. Brown Clerk of the First Parish in Congregational Society of Brimfield, Massachusetts Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
You are hereby directed to notify and warn the Members of said Society, to meet at the Parish Hall in Brimfield on Thursday January 8 1920 at 8 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles

Viz

Article 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

" 2 To choose all necessary Officers for the ensuing year, also all Committees, and Agents the business of the Parish may require

" 3 To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer, and any Committees or Agents heretofore chosen

" 4 To raise and Appropriate money for the support and salary of Pastor, Sabbath School, Sing-by, Janitor and current expenses of the Parish and determine what method shall be adopted, to secure the same

" 5 To see if the Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for payment of Parish debts and current expenses

" 6 To see if the Parish will give the Treasurer authority to sell, transfer or reinvest any securities or funds held by the Parish subject to the advice and consent of the Prudential Committee and Parish

" 7 To see what action if any the Parish will take with reference to repairs at the horse sheds

" 8 To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interest of the Parish may require

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting House seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting.

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Hereof failing not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of Meeting

Given under our hands this Thirteenth day of December A. D. 1919

Edward B. Brown
Charles W. Robinson
Bertie E. Campbell
Oliver Rich

Prudential Committee

Parish

I have served the above Warrant as therein directed. Edward B Brown Parish Clerk

The annual Parish Meeting of the First Parish or Congregational Church in Brimfield was held pursuant to the above Warrant on Thursday forenoon Jan. 1, 1920 and called to order by the Parish Clerk E. B. Brown who read the Warrant and Albert L. Brown was nominated for Moderator and was chosen.

Article 2 Voted to elect a Clerk for the ensuing year and Edward B Brown was chosen

Voted on Motion of Clarence B Brown to be excused from further duty and take no Oath of Office

Voted to hear the report of the Prudential Committee which was given by C. W. Robinson and was accepted. The Report of the Treasurer was given by Clarence B. Brown and it was Voted that it be accepted. The report of the Auditor was given and accepted.

Voted To return to Article 2 Choice of Officers

Clerk Edward B. Brown
Treasurer Clarence B Brown
Auditor Albert L. Brown
Collector Clarence B Brown
Prudential Committee E. B. Brown. C. B. Brown
C. W. Robinson. B. E. Campbell
Jack T. Carter

Officers of the Parish for 1920 1921

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Voted – To take up Article 4th
On Motion of Clarence B. Brown that we raise and Appropriate the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars for our Pastors salary for the ensuing year (1200.00)

Voted – [illegible] Committee of three to formulate plan for raising that amount and C B Brown, E. B. Brown & C.W. Robinson were chosen that Committee [illegible]

Voted – To pay our Director the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the ensuing year included [illegible]

Voted – To take up Article 5th and the Treasurer was authorized to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and Current Expenses subject to the By Laws of the Parish

Voted – On Motion of Wm. S. Spooner. That we pass over Article 7th

Voted – on Motion of Clarence B. Brown that when we adjourn we adjourn to Thursday January 13th 1921 at 8 o'clock P.M. at this room.

Voted – that we do now Adjourn

Edward B. Brown
Parish Clerk

Adjourned Parish Meeting
Was held in Ladies Parlor of the Church on Thursday evening January 15th 1920 and was called to order by the Moderator. Robert R. Brown at 8 o'clock P.M.

Voted To take up Article 4 "And the special Committee chosen at the Annual Meeting was called for and given by Clarence B. Brown Voted that the Report be accepted and adopted and that we try the new formula this year by causing to be printed a list of the expenditures of the Parish for the current year.

Voted That we raise and Appropriate the sum of Five Dollars in payment for Money paid by our Treasurer to Town Acts

Voted That we raise and Appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars ($100.) for salary of Janitor for the year ensuing

Voted That we raise and Appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty ($250.) to repay the necessary repairs on the Church property

Voted That we raise and Appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars ($125.) for fuel at the Church the year ensuing.

Voted That we raise and Appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($750.) for Miscellaneous purposes for the present year

Voted That any outstanding bills be paid from Collections received this year

Com. The report of the Library Committee was called and given

Voted That the report be accepted and adopted and that the Trust of the Library for the sum of Ten dollars be accepted

Voted That the meeting be now dissolved

Attest Edward B. Brown Parish Clerk

1921

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting

Hampden ss.

To Edward B. Brown Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society Brimfield Massachusetts.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said society to meet in Parish Hall in Brimfield on Monday the sixth day of January next at 7 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following subjects.

Viz

First. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

Second. To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the year ensuing who are Committee and agents for business of the Parish may require

Third. To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer, and any Committees or Agents to report for them.

Fourth. To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of singing, payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

Fifth. To see if Parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current expenses

Sixth. To hear and act on any Applications for membership to the Parish should any be presented

Seventh. To see what action if any the Parish will take with reference to the care or repairing the town clocks

Eighth. To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interest of the Parish may require

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the warrant at the Meeting house seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting

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Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of holding said meeting

Given under our hands this Twentyeighth day of December A.D. 1920

I have served the above Warrant as therein directed
Edward B Brown Parish Clerk

Edward B Brown
C. W Robinson
B. E Campbell
Fred J Parker
Clarence B Brown

Prudential Committee of Parish

I have served the above Warrant as therein directed
Edward B. Brown Parish Clerk

Annual business meeting of the Parish was held in Parish Hall on Wednesday January 5th 1921 The Clerk reading the Warrant and Albert B Brown was chosen Moderator of the meeting

Voted On Motion of Wm D. Brown to take up Articles 5 and the names of Martha M. Stacker, Emma M Brown, Lillian Watson, Hardy Watson, Gabriel Hubbard, Rich [illegible], [illegible] J. Bowman, Etta B. Stacker, Porter A Brown, Birtie Gray, Harry B. Landon, Grace D Landon, M Emma Isabell, Ora A. Parker

Voted at adjourned [illegible] January 12 1921 when the [illegible] were [illegible] To be in up Articles [illegible] Report [illegible] was given by Clarence B Brown and was accepted and adopted

The report of the Treasurer was also given by Clarence B Brown who gave a very encouraging report which was also accepted and adopted

The report of the Auditor, Albert B Brown was given and Voted that it be accepted and adopted

Voted to Adjourn

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Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday January 12th 1921

Meeting called to order by the Moderator Albert R. Brown

Voted On Motion of Edward B. Brown that we take up Article 2 and that we continue last year's Budget in other mean. Viz.

That we raise and Appriate the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars ($1200.00) for our Pastors salary for the year ensuing.

Voted To pay our Chorister the sum of One Hundred and Fifteen Dollars ($115) with necessary Music furnished for the year ensuing

Voted That we raise and Appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars for salary of janitor for the year ensuing.

Voted That we raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars for the necessary repairs on Church Property

Voted That we raise and Appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Twenty five Dollars ($125.00) for fuel for the Church the year ensuing

Voted That we raise and Appropriate the sum of Five hundred Fifty Dollars for Miscellaneous purposes

Voted That any outstanding bills be paid from Contingent Fund this year

Voted In relation of Article 5 and the Treasurer was authorized to borrow money for the payment of Parish debts and current expenses subject to the by Laws of the Parish

Voted That the taken up Article 2nd of the Warrant Officers

For Clerk Edward B. Brown

" Treasurer Florence B. Brown

" Collector Albert R. Brown

Auditor Martin S. Shaw

Committee Edward B. Brown
Fred Rivers
Frank N. Lawson
Austin O. Crawford

Officers of Parish for 1922

The meeting of Wednesday January 17 continued on admission of Members

Voted on Motion of William S Spooner that the names of the following applicants namely Harry B Landon. Mrs Grace D. Landon. Mrs Martha E. Steudtz. Mrs Emma M. Brown. Mrs Lillian Webber. Miss Gladys Webber. Mrs Bertha J Hubbard Mrs Ruth K. Phillips. Mrs Emma J Lawrence. Miss Ethel B. Elder. Miss M Anna Turbett. Mrs. Bertie A Barnes. Mrs Berty J. Gray - Whose names are placed on record - Members of the Parish in accordance with their application at the Annual Parish Meeting Jan 6th 1921 The aforesaid applicants include the first - Female applicants ever received to Membership to the First Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield Mass.

1922

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting

Hampden S.S.

To Edward B. Brown Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society Brimfield Mass.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in Brimfield on Wednesday January Fourteenth next at 7.30 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following Articles Viz

Article 1" To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting

" 2" To choose all necessary parish Officers for the year ensuing, and all Committees and agents the business of the parish may require

" 3" To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer, and any Committee or Agents heretofore choosen

" 4" To raise and appropriate Money for the salary of Pastor Support of singing, payment of debts and current expenses of the Parish and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

" 5" To see if the parish will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the payment of parish debts and current expenses

" 6" To hear and act on any applications for Membership to the Parish should any be presented.

" 7" To see if the parish wish to make any changes in the By-Laws

" 8 To see if the parish wish to take any action with reference to the Horse Sheds.

" 9" To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interest of the Parish may require.

And you are thereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting house seven

Warrant Continued

days at least before the time of holding said Meeting. Whereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of Meeting.

Given under our hands this Twenty sixth day of December A.D. 1921

Edward B. Brown } Prudential
Martha E Streeter }
Fred Bissell } Committee
Bertie E Campbell } of
Fred N Lawrence } Parish

I have served the above Warrant as therein directed
Edward B. Brown Parish Clerk

Annual Meeting

The annual Parish Meeting of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Whitinsville was held pursuant to the above Warrant on Wednesday January 4" 1922 Called to order by the Clerk Edward B Brown who read the Warrant, and Clarence B Brown was chosen Moderator

Voted to take up article 2"

Officers. For Clerk Made choice of Edward B. Brown
" Treasurer " " " Clarence B. Brown
" Auditor " " " Fred N Lawrence
" Prudential Committee " " " Edward B Brown
" " " " Martha E Streeter
" " " " Annie G Lawrence
" " " " Fred Bissell
" " " " Orrin Weeks

Voted to take up article 4"

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Hundred ($1200) Dollars for our Pastors Salary for the year ensuing.

Voted to pay our Chorister the sum of One Hundred and Fifteen Dollars for the ensuing year

Voted to pay our Janitor Five Hundred Dollars for the year ensuing

1922

Annual Parish meeting continued
Voted to take up Article 3"
Reports of Officers
The Prudential Committee given by Mrs Streeter
Voted that report be accepted
The Treasurers report given by Clarence B Brown
it was Voted that it be accepted.
Voted to return to Article 4."

4 Voted To raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars $125.00 for Fuel for the year ensuing

4 Voted To raise and Appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars for Necessary repairs $250.00

4 Voted To raise and appropriate $250.00 Two hundred and Fifty Dollars for Miscellaneous purposes

5 Voted To take up Article 5" of the Warrant
And it was Voted. That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for parish debts and current expenses.

6" Voted to take up Article 6". and as there were no applications for Membership presented it was Voted to pass over the Article

Voted to take up 7" Article
Voted To change our by Laws. so as to read as follows

Article 8" Any person Male or Female over 21 Years of age may be admitted to the Parish by a written application presented by the applicant to the Clerk or Prudential Committee on or before any legally called meeting. but action shall not be taken until until an adjourned or Subsequent Meeting an Article being in the Warrant Authorizing such action A two thirds vote of those present and Voting shall be required for the admission of Members. Voting shall be by ballot

Voted To take up Article 8"
To see if the Parish wish to take any action with reference to the Horse sheds. It was voted to pass over the Article

Voted That this Meeting be now Adjourned.

Edward B Brown
Parish Clerk

Warrant for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Hampden SS

To Edward B. Brown Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Thursday January Fourth next, to act on the following Articles. The Meeting is called at 7½ P.M.

Viz

Article

1 To Choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting

" 2 To choose all necessary Parish Officers for the year ensuing. Also all Committees and Agents the business of the Parish may require.

" 3 To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee Treasurer, Auditor or any Committee heretofore chosen.

" 4 To see and Appropriate money for the Salary of Pastor, Sabbath School, Singing, Sexton and Organist, for the ensuing year, and the manner in which money shall be raised to secure the same

" 5 The duties of the Treasurer are fully explained in the By Laws.

" 6 To hear and act on any applications for Membership to the Parish should any be presented

" 7 To see what action if any the Parish will take with reference to the Horse Sheds whether they will sell, lease or direct the use of the aforesaid Sheds as directed and specified in the Deed conveying the same to the Parish, or dispose of any of this land.

" 8 To see what action the Parish will take with reference to providing better protection of the Church against damage by fire.

Warrant Continued

Article
"9" To see what action, or method the Parish wish to adopt to meet or raise sufficient funds to meet the necessary or current expenses of the Church and Parish for the ensuing year.

"10" To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interest of the Parish may require

And you are hereby directed to warn the Parishioners of said Parish to meet at the Meeting House in said Parish at least before the time of holding said meeting to act upon said articles, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this Twenty first day of December A.D. 1922

Edward B. Brown
Frederick Brown
Martin E. Wheeler
Arvin G. Lawrence
Orrin Hicks
} Committee of Parish

Above warrant, the above Warrant as Parish signed
Edward B. Brown, Parish Clerk

Business Meeting

The Annual meeting was held in Parish hall on Monday January 1st 1923 called to order by the Clerk Edward B. Brown who read the Warrant and called for the choice of Clarence B. Brown was chosen Moderator

Business Meeting

Voted to choose a Clerk and second Officers.
For Clerk Edward B. Brown was chosen Clerk for the year ensuing. Voted to choose an assistant Clerk for the year ensuing Wade chosen Fred V. Lawrence.
Wade chosen Clarence B. Brown for Treasurer.
For Auditor William S. Spooner was chosen Auditor
The Prudential Committee of Fin.
Mr. Clarence B. Brown first, Mrs Martha E. Wheeler second Mr. Orrin G. Lawrence third, Mr. Albert E. Brown fourth and Mrs Grace Landon fifth.

Warrant Continued

Voted to take up Article 3rd report of Officers. for the Report of the Prudential Committee Mrs Hardin gave their report which was voted that it be accepted and adopted Next followed the report of the Treasurer Clarence B Brown and it was Voted that the report be accepted and adopted. Then came the Auditors report given by Fred S Emerson and it was Voted that it be accepted

Voted to take up Article 4th On motion of E. B. Brown it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1200.00 for the salary of Pastor also that the Organist receive the same Amount as last year, and Music also the same

Article 5th Relating to the duties of the Treasurer not given to be employed Money for such expenses this article was for accounts as the By Laws cover such action

Voted on Article 6th Officers for March 1926. Two officers were presented on ballot and action upon them was deferred to a future meeting as set forth in the By Laws they were the names of Walter J. Moore and W. G. Brown.

Voted on Article 7th That the matter of Changes with reference to the Horse sheds be left in the hands of the Prudential Committee

Voted On Article 8th That the Prudential Committee be empowered to take such action as shall safe guard the Church against fire

Voted on Article 9th That the Parish adopt the Envelope system to raise the necessary funds to defray the expenses of the Church and Society the year ensuing year

Voted That this meeting be now adjourned

Edward B Brown
Parish Clerk

1924

Warrant for the annual Parish Meeting
Hampden S.S.

To Edward B. Bonney Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society Springfield, Mass.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass. you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in said Springfield on Thursday Jan. 3. 1924. at 7.30 P.M. To act on the following Articles.

Viz:

Article I. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

" II. To choose all necessary Parish officers for the year ensuing, also all Committees and Agents the business of the Parish may require.

" III. To see and act on the reports of the Executive Committee, Treasurer, Auditor and any other Committee heretofore choosen.

" IV. To see and act upon the Salary of Pastor, Support of Church, Payment of Debts, Local expense of the Parish and determine what method shall be adopted to secure the same.

" V. To see and act upon applications for membership to the Parish, should any be presented.

" VI. To see what action, if any, the Parish will take in regard to the "Horse Sheds" here report of Committee and act thereon.

" VII. To see what action, if any, the Parish will take to secure or raise sufficient funds to meet the deficiency in current expenses of the Church for the ensuing year.

" VIII. To do any other business necessary and proper to be done and which the Parish may require.

1924
Warrant Continued.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house, Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at time and place of meeting.
Given under our hands this twenty seventh day

Clarence B. Brown
Martha E. Streeter
Albert R. Brown
Annie G. Lawrence
Grace L. Randall
} Prudential Committee

We have served the above Warrant as therein directed, posting copy attested
Edward B. Brown, Clerk, F. H. Lawrence, Assistant Clerk

Jan 3, 1924
The annual Paris meeting met according to the warrant by Edward B Brown Parish Clerk, After [illegible]

II The following officers were elected, Edward B Brown Clerk, F. H. Lawrence Ast. Clerk, C. B. Brown Treas. [illegible] C. B. Brown, Annie G. [illegible] and Martha E. Streeter,

III Voted to accept report of Prudential Committee and [illegible] Audited the Treas books.

IV [illegible] of the [illegible] Oct 1, 1924 be collected and accumulated, and on the last day of each month the [illegible] the accumulated money be paid by the Treasurer to reduce the Parish debt and for repairs [illegible]

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article IV Continued.

Voted that action on balance of article be left in the hands of the Prudential Committee.

" V Voted to accept [illegible] as members of the Parish.

" VI Voted, [illegible] Committee with power to act.

" VII Passed over as covered by action under Article IV.

" VIII Voted that the Prudential Committee meet with the Supt. of the Sunday school in regard to hiring the organist.

Moved to adjourn, F. McLaurence Act. Clerk.

1925

Warrant for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Hampden ss. To Edward S. Brown, Clerk and Fred McLaurence Act. Clerk of the First Congregational Church in Brimfield, Massachusetts

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass. you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Monday, the 29th day at 7.30 P.M. to act on the following articles,

Art. I. To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting,

" II. To choose all necessary Parish Officers, also to choose all necessary Committees to attend the business of the Church as may arise,

" III. To hear and act on the report of the Prudential Committee, Treasurer, Auditor, and any Committee, relative to the business.

Article IV, To raise and Appropriate Money for
of Pastor, Support of Singing, Payment
and current expences of the Parish
what method shall be adopted

" V, To see if the Parish wish to take any action
with reference to the Lighting of the Church.

" VI, To see what action the Parish will do
to the horse sheds, Repair, remove or so

" VII, To hear and act on any application
to the Parish should any be presented

" 1, To do
that the interests of the Parish may requ

And you are hereby directed to serve this

warrant together with your doings
to us at time and place of said Meeting,

Given under our hands this 27th
A.D. 1924.

Committee

We have served the above Warrant
as hereby directed
Edward B. Brown, Clerk,
Fred N. Lawrence Asst. Clerk.

1925.

Jan. 5 1925. 7.30 P.M

Parish Meeting called to order by E. B. Brown, Parish Clerk.

Voted I The Moderator [illegible]

" II Officers elected as follows.
Fred N. Lawrence, Clerk,
Clarence B. Brown, Treasurer,
Charles W. Robinson, Auditor,
Prudential Committee, Wm. W. Hatch, E. Sherlin, C. R. Brown, Errin Hicks, Frederick Bissell and Wallace P. Moore.

Voted That the Parish extend to Edward B. Brown the retiring Clerk, a vote of thanks for his services to the Parish.

Voted III [illegible] Committee [illegible], and by the [illegible] and voted to accept the report, [illegible], and that the [illegible] be accepted as progressing, and that the 1923 and 1924 accounts be [illegible] at an adjourned meeting.

" IV. Passed over

" V Voted that the matter of lighting be left with the Prudential Committee.

" VI Voted to grant Edward B. Brown the privilege of passing and repassing over the land of the Parish, in the Highway, where the East horse shed on the North road now stands, after said shed has been removed by said Edward B. Brown, at his expense. Said shed having been given to Edward B. Brown by Clarence B. Brown, but that said Edward B. Brown, at his expense, see the lumber removed off the Land and remove all the sheds on the North road, leaving the road to be widened.

Voted that the destroyal or taking down of the sheds on the West road be left in the hands of the Prudential Committee

" VII Passed over

" VIII Passed over.

" [illegible] Voted [illegible] Under this article [illegible] the Parish [illegible] and [illegible] for [illegible] and [illegible] money as [illegible] with the income of the

[illegible]
[illegible] Committee of Seven be appointed
[illegible] for subscription to raise
Debt of this Church. Committee:
Mrs. C. B. Brown, Mrs Harry Landen,
Mrs Hubert Booth, M. L. Greenfield, Mrs Louise [illegible]
Miss Alma Bissell,
Moved to adjourn for 2 weeks to Jan 19 1920 at [illegible] P.M.
F. N. L.

Adjourned meeting of the parish was called to order at 7.30 Jan 19, 1920 by the moderator. Records of the annual meeting read and corrected, Article VII taken up, and the official [illegible] for purchase of organ from Edward H. Spencer, Jr. [illegible] report [illegible] and voted to accept the same.
Audits for the [illegible] and also accept the audits for 1919 [illegible] and suggested that a ledger be procured to keep the accounts in [illegible] funds. Said [illegible] the [illegible] in starting the same. Voted to accept the report and suggestions, voted to take up Article VIII. Voted the sale of the old furniture to sell, that [illegible] be left in the hands of the Prudential Committee. Voted that a Committee of three, in connection with the Moderator Committee investigate in regard to selling or repairing the barn at the Parsonage. Committee nominated B. E. Campbell, F. N. Lawrence and C. H. Robinson, voted to adjourn.

Fred N. Lawrence
Parish Clerk.

Warrant for a Special Parish Meeting

Hampshire ss.

To the Parishioners of the Congregational Society in Deerfield

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in said Deerfield on Friday June 5 1925 at 8 P.M. to act on the following articles.

Article 1. To choose a moderator besides at said meeting

Article 2. To hear and act on the reports of Com. appointed at the annual meeting in regard to the barge at the Parsonage.

Article 3. To see what action can or will be taken in regard to painting and repairing the Church building

Article 4. To see what action can or will be taken in regard to removing the seats from the gallery to make a place to hold the Kindergarten Class of Sunday School

Article 5. To hear and act on the reports of any Committee or Committees.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting House seven days at least before the time of holding said Meeting, hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to some one of the Parish Clerks at said time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty ninth day May, A.D. 1925

Wm. H. Green } Prudential
C. W. Green
M. E. Sheldon } Committee
Fred Barnard

I have served the above warrant as there is directed by posting a true copy attested

Fred J. Farmer Parish Clerk.

Brownfield June 1925

Special meeting called to order at 8 P.M.
Under article 1, C.B. Brown was elected moderator.
Article 2 [illegible] voted that this same com.
[illegible] at auction, voted that this same com.
[illegible] contentes that owing as recommended
Article 3
Voted that a Committee of three be appointed [illegible]
Committee and solicit funds to paint the Church
building. The Com. was nominated as follows
Mr. [illegible], Mr. [illegible], [illegible]
Art. 4 ~~Voted that the Standing Com.~~ of the Church
be given power to make any changes they
thought best in regard to the gallary seats.
Art. 5 Voted that the [illegible]
use of the land in front of the horse
Art. 6 Com. report read by [illegible]
for money to cancel [illegible] of the Parish
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Voted to adjourn for 3 weeks from tonight June 26 8 P.

Adjourned Parish meeting held June 26 1925

A quorum not being present, voted adjourn
for 2 weeks to Tues. 10 8 P.M.
E. N. Lawrence Clerk

Adjourned Parish meeting held June 10 1925
No quorum being present. Voted to adjourn
to Mon. Jul. 13 8 P.M.
E. N. Lawrence
Parish Clerk.

Adjourned meeting met at 8 [illegible] 1925
C.B. Brown moderator called the meeting to order. Report
of last meeting read [illegible] and adopted.
Report of C.W. Robinson, Chairman of the Committee
on painting the Church, reported that at that time
there was 350.00 received, moved the same Com.
be authorized to procure bid for painting, repairing
windows, etc. of the Church.
Report of Com. on sale of the parsonage fo[illegible]
[illegible] was sold off for $50.00. Moved to ad[illegible]
to the C. of the Committee on painting.
[illegible]

Adjourned meeting called by the Com. on
painting the church, met at 8 P.M. Oct 13 1925
C.B. Brown moderator call the meeting to order
and minutes of the last meeting read
and adopted. Report of C.W. Robinson
Chairman for the Com. on painting read
the bids received and reported that
there was 79.00 received on pledges since
the last meeting making a total of $434.00
Moved we accept Mr Arthur of Palmer bid
of $515.00 for doing all the painting and also re-
pairing on windows - and that the Com. be
authorized to sign papers and see if at least
part of the painting can not be done this fall.
Moved that more slip be procured to solicit
subscription on to make up the balance.
Moved thus the repairs on the parsonage
roof be left in the hand of Mr Moore Chair
man of the Trustees Com.

Moved to adjourn to Call of Com —
J. N. Laurence
Parish Clerk —

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Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting.

Hampden S.S.

To Fred N. Lawrence Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Massachusetts

Greeting—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in said Brimfield on the 8th day of January 1926 at 7.30 O'Clock to act on the following articles.

Viz—

Article I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

" II. To hear and act on the reports of the Officers Prudential Committee, and any other Committees heretofore chosen—

" III. To choose all necessary Parish officers, also choose all necessary Com. or agents the business of the Parish may require

" IV. To raise and appropriate money for the Salary of Pastor, Support of Singing, payment of debts, Repairs of Parish building and determining what methods shall be adopted to secure the same.

" V. To hear and act on any application for membership to the Parish. Should any be presented.

" VI. To see what shall be done in regard to grading the land where the Parsonage Barn stood, and act thereon.

" VII To do any other business necessary and proper to be done, that the interests of the Parish may require.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting house, Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Fear of fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with

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your doings there on to us at time and place of said meeting.
Given under our hands this 31 day of Dec AD 1925

Wallace P. Moore
Clarence B. Brown
Martha E. Streeter
} Prudential Committee.

I have served the above Warrant as therein directed a true copy attest. F. N. Lawrence, Parish Clerk.

Annual Meeting 1926.
meeting called to order at 7.45 P.M. Jan. 8. 1926.
C. B. Brown elected moderator, Clerks reports of all the meeting of the year read and adopted, Treas report read, Auditor reported only partly of the accounts had been audited $300, received from Julia Hubbard fund had been invested in the Southbridge Saving Bank.
Treas Report was then accepted.
Prudential Com. report read and approved.
Painting Com. reported as progressing.
Under Article III the following officers were Elected, Clerk, F. N. Lawrence
Treas, C. B. Brown. Auditor, C. W. Robinson
Prudential Com. Gladys L. Webber. B. E. Campbell
C. B. Brown; W. P. Moore, Mrs M. E. Streeter,
Moved that the painting Com. be continued for another year.
Art IV Moved and voted that the same amount of money be raised and method adopted as last year and that be left in the hand of the Prudential Com.
art V Voted to accept Edward Spinner as a member of the Parish, Application for membership of Adelaide Knowlton received.
art VI Voted that the matter of grading be left to the Prudential Com.
Moved to adjourn to call of Painting Com.
F. N. Lawrence, Parish Clerk.

Warrant for a Special Parish Meeting.

Hampden S.S.

To Fred N. Lawrence Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society, Brimfield Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said society, to meet in Bush Hall in said Brimfield on Fri. July 30, 1926 at 8 P.M. to act on the following Articles, viz

Article I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article II. To see what action the Parish will take in regard to paying an increase price for preaching and adopt methods to secure the same.

Article III. To hear and act on the reports of any Committees that may be chosen. And to do any other business that the needs of the Parish may require.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting house, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due returns of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty second day of July 1926, A.D.

W. T. Moore
Martha E. Struler
Gladys C. Webber
B. E. Campbell
} Prudential Committee

I have served the above Warrant as there in directed. Attest copy attest.

Fred N. Lawrence, Parish Clerk

Special Meeting July 30 1926

Meeting called to order at 8.10 P.M. C.B Brown elected moderator. Voted under article II that the Parish raise and appropriate an addition sum of money, so that with what was raised at the last annual meeting the salary of the Pastor will be $1500 per year. To commence Sept. 1, 1926 Voted to be left in hands of Prudential Com. the method of procuring the same -

Article III, Painting Com. reported by it Chairman C.W. Robinson Total amount pledged $521.00 with all collected in except a small amount. Recd. from Concert 150.00 which was turned over to Treas to pay bill of repairs on steeple at a cost of $160. Voted to Accept the Com. report and a hearty votes of thanks be extended to Mr C. W. Robinson as chairman -

Moved and voted that we extend a vote of thanks to all who helped to make our Concert a success and the Clerk send a copy of this vote to each who took part in the same.

Moved and voted that a vote of thanks be extended to Ladies Benevolent Society for their help and work done inside the church.

Moved and voted to give Mr W.P. Moore a vote of thanks for his work improving the Church grounds. Moved and voted we extend a vote of thanks to Mr Geo. Cutter Palmer for work he done painting the church building.

Moved and voted that thanks be extended to the Brimfield Improvement Society for their contribution to the painting fund -

Moved and voted that thanks be extended to Class 8. in the Sunday School for their contribution to the painting fund.

Moved to adjourn.

Fred N. Laurence
Parish Clerk

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting.

Hampden, S.S. To Fred N. Lawrence Clerk of the First Parish Congregational Society of Brimfield Massachusetts,

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in said Brimfield on the 7th day of January 1927, at 7-30 o'Clock to act on the following articles,

Viz

Article I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting,

" II. To hear and act on the reports of Officers, Prudential Committee or any other committees heretofore chosen,

" III. To choose all necessary Parish Officers, also chosen all necessary Committees or agents, the business of the Parish may require,

" IV. To raise and appropriate money, for salary of Pastor, support of Singing, payments of debts, Repairs of Parish buildings, and determine what methods shall be adopted to secure the same.

" V. To hear and acte on any application for membership to the Parish, should any be presented.

" VI. To see if any action will be taken in regard to repairs on the Church building,

" VII. To do any other business necessary and proper to be done, that the interests of the Parish may require,

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting House, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, Hereof fail not and make due returns of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 31st day of Dec A.D. 1926

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Warrant Continued -

W. P. Moore
Gladys L. Webber
B. E. Campbell
Martha E. Streeter,
} Prudential Committee

I have served the above Warrant as there in directed, a true copy Attest,
Fred N. Lawrence -
Parish Clerk.

1927 Annual meeting called to order at 7.45 P.M. on Jan. 7, 1927. C.B. Brown was elected moderator.
Reports: 1/ Clerk read and adopted. Treas. report read and approved showing all bill paid and a balance over $250.00. Auditor reported and report accepted. Report of Prudential Com. read by Gladys L. Webber sect. of the Com. adopted and approved as read.
Officers Elected as follows, Clerk, F.N. Lawrence
Treas. C.B. Brown, Auditor A.R. Brown -
Prudential Com - Miss Gladys L. Webber, Wallace P. Moore
Clerance B. Brown, Mrs Martha E. Streeter, Charles Webber
Moved voted that a Committee of 3 be nominated to confer with the standing Com. of the church to have a clear understanding of the duties of each, Com. A.R. Brown C.B. Brown and Miss Gladys L. Webber -
Art. IV, moved and voted we appropriate from income from invested funds, together with funds pledged to the church, to be turned over to the Parish, $1500 for the Pastors salary, $150.00 for Organist, $250.00 for music, and $150. for janitor.
Moved & voted that necessary repairs on the parsonage be left in the hands of the Prudential Com.
Art V. Mrs Adelaide Knowlton was elected a member - The following names were proposed for membership. Rev. J. Cecil Hayes. Lillian E. Lerms, Mrs J. Edgar Brown. Ruth A. Howes, Stanley E. Howes, Harriet D. Prescott, Mrs Mary E. Moore.
Art. VI Voted that any necessary repairs on the church building be left in hands of the Prudential Com -
Art VII Voted that Parish pay for 5 tons of coal for the parsonage
" " we pay balance of the Pastors moving bill, $25.00
" a Com. of 3 be nominated to investigate advisability of selling some of our stock and investing in Savings bank, Com. C.W. Robinson C.B. Brown. F.N. Lawrence
adjourned to meet Mar. 18. 1927 at 7.30 P.M. F.N. Lawrence Parish Clerk

Adjourned annual Parish Meeting
Mar. 18. 1927. at 7.30 P.M.

Meeting called to order by C.B Brown Moderator. Moved that we take up Article V. Applications of Mr. and Mrs F.N. Creelman, ~~and~~ Edna B Keith and May E. Moore was received and read. Voted and accepted the following to membership in the Parish. Rev. J. Cecil Hayes, Lillian E. Arnor. Mrs F.E. Brown, Stanley E. Howes. Ruth A. Howes, Harriet D. Prescott, and Mrs Mary E. Moore. Resignation of C.B. Brown read and moved to accept the same. Mr W.S. was then elected Auditor for the ensuing year. C.W. Robinson reported for the Com. elected at the annual meeting. Moved that this Committee continue and interview Mr Brainard of the Palmer Bros in regard to the Calvert Mortage Co, and report to the Prudential Com. Voted an addional $25.00 for music. Moved and voted that we pay 25¢ per Sunday to boy for pumping organ - Moved and voted that the Prudential Com. be authorized to dispose of the dead trees on the Church grounds. Moved that the Prudential Com. repair or remove as they think best the 2 shed on West side if owned by the Parish and Mr Robinson will look into this matter. Voted to leave matter of chimneys down on East side of parsonage with the Prudential Com. Voted that the Prudential Com - investigate in regard to installing a new heating plant at the Parsonage and report at a future meeting. Moved and voted that we do adjourn to meet on the 2nd Fri. in May at 7.30 P.M. (May. 13. 1927)

Fred N. Lawrence. Parish Clerk

Adjourned annual Parish meeting, May 13, 1927
Meeting called to order by C.B. Brown. at 7.30 P.M. Under Art V. Voted in as members F.N. Creelman and Mrs F.N. Creelman. Mrs Edna E. Keith and May E Moore. Application of Mrs. Almeria L. Spooner for membership read. Report of Prudential Com. accepted. Moved and voted that the Prudential Com. be empowered to have installed a steam heating plant of 429 ft radiation and size 324 boiler for the parsonage and let the same to the best bid received satisfactory to the Com. Voted that the Com appointed at the annual meeting to confer with the Church Standing Com. be dissolved. Voted to adjourn indefinitely. F.N. Lawrence, Parish Clerk.

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Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting

Hampden S.S.

To Fred N. Lawrence Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Massachusett.

— Greetings —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said society to meet in Parish Hall in said Brimfield on the 6th day of Jan, 1928 at 7.30 O'Clock to act on the following articles

— Viz —

Article I, To choose a moderator to preside at said Meeting,

" II. To hear and act on the report of the Officers Prudential Committee and any other Com. heretofore chosen.

" III. To choose all necessary Parish Officers and also choose all Committees or agents, the business of the Parish may require.

" IV. To raise and appropriate money, for the Salary of Pastor, support of Singing, payment of debts, repairs of Parish buildings and determining what methods shall be adopted to secure the same.

" V. To hear, and act on any applications for membership to the Parish, should any be presented.

" VI. To do any other business necessary and proper to be done, that the interests of the Parish may require. And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting House, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hear of fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to me at time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 29th day of Dec. AD. 1927.

Wallace P. Moore
Clarence B. Brown
Gladys L. Webber
Martha E. Streeter
} Prudential Committee

I have served the above warrant as there in directed,
A true copy attest, F. N. Lawrence, Parish Clerk.

Annual Parish meeting called to order at 7.30 PM - Jan. 6. 1928. C. B Brown was elected moderator. Reports of Clerk, Treas and Auditor read and adopted. Prudential Com. report read by its clerk Mrs M. E. Streeter and voted to accept the same.
Officers elected, F. N. Lawrence Clerk, C. B. Brown Treas, W. S. Spooner Auditor, Prudential Committee Mrs. M. E. Streeter, W. P. Moore, C. B. Brown, Mrs E. B Elder, and W. D. Spooner. Moved that office of Collector be combine with the Treas. office & C. B Brown was elected. Under Article IV, it was voted salaries of Pastor, Organist and pumping organ and janitors be same as last year. Voted $15.00 for use of Music. Voted that the Prudential Com. get prices for shingling one side of roof of church building and report at the next meeting. Voted that the Prudential Com. be empowered to act in regard to getting a new stove for the vestry. Voted to sell old hitching posts for $1.00.
Art. I Mrs. A. L. Spooner was voted in as a member, the names of Mrs Flora A. Detroit, Mrs J. C. Hayes, Mr & Mrs Chas. A. Wheeler, were presented for membership in the Parish. Moved and voted to adjourn to the last Fri, in March at 7.30 P.M, being March 30th 1928

Fred. N. Lawrence, Parish Clerk -

Adjourned Parish meeting held Mar. 30 1928. C. B Brown moderator. Mrs M. E. Streeter appointed clerk pro-tem. minutes of last meeting read and approved. The following persons were elected members of the Parish. Mrs Flora Detroit, Mrs J. C. Hayes and Mr. & Mrs Chas. W. Wheeler. The names of Mr Edward H. Davenport, Mrs Harry Clarke Raymond Clarke, Miss Alma Bissell, Mrs Fred Bissell and Miss Mary E. Moore were proposed for membership in the Parish. Mr W. P. Moore reported for the Prudential Com. in regard to purchase of stove and price of shingles. Voted the matter of purchase & laying the shingles be left with the Prudential Com. Voted that a Com of three be appointed to act with the Prudential Com. to solicit funds to pay for shingling one side of roof of church. Com appointed Mr F. C. Brown Mrs May Moore & Mr. J. C. Hayes, voted to give the old stove used in vestry to Mr Campbell. Voted to adjourn this meeting to the call of the Prudential Com.
Mrs. E. Streeter, Clerk pro-tem.

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Warrant for annual Parish Meeting.

Hampden S.S.

To Fred N. Lawrence Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Bright, Mass

— Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Town Hall in said Bright on the 4th day of January 1929, at 7.00 o'Clock P.M. on the following articles

— Viz —

Article I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

" II. To hear and act on the reports of the Officers, Industrial Committee and any other Committee heretofore chosen.

" III. To choose all necessary Parish Officers, and also choose all Committees to attend the business of the Parish May remain —

" IV. To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of Singing, Payment of Debts, Repairs of Parish buildings and determine what methods shall be adopted to secure the sum

" V. To hear and act on any application or numbering to the Parish, should any be presented.

" VI To do any other business necessary and proper to be done, that the interests of the Parish may require,

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested Copy of the same at the Meeting houses seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, and fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to us, at time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 28th day of Dec. A.D. 1928

W. J. Moore
C. B. Brown,
Martha E. Shute
Ethel P. Elder

} Prudential Committee,

I have served the above Warrant as therein directed

A True Copy attest. F. N. Lawrence Parish Clerk

Annual Parish Meeting called to order 7.30 P.M. Jan. 4th, 1929. C.B. Brown was elected moderator. Voted to take up article V. Voted to accept the names of Mrs Harry Clarke, Raymond Clarke, Mary E. Moore Elmer Bissell & Ruth Bissell as members of the Parish, Under Article II. Clerks report of last year meeting was read and adopted, Treas and Audits reports read and voted to approve and adopt the same. Prudencial Com. report read by the Clerk, Mrs Shreder and voted to accept the same. Moved that we accept the Committee report on soliticing funds to help pay for shingling the Church building, ~~with thanks~~ and that they be discharged. Under Article III the following officers were elected, Clerk F.M. Lawrence, Treas. C.B. Brown, Auditor W.S. Spooner, Prudential Committee, Charles W. Wheeler, Martha E. Shreder Wallace T. Moore Clarence B. Brown and William S. Spooner.
Article IV. Moved and voted that we appropriate $20.00 for week for pastor and his expences, and amended that it is not to exceede $20.00 in week. That the Salary of organist be $150.00 per year. Music $50.00 per year janitor $150.00 for year. Moved that Prudential Committee for this year have the power to collect receive and turn over to the Treas. any money that has been pledge to the Church.
Under article VI. It was voted that the Warrents of the Sante Fe R.R. be sold at the market value and the procends turned into the Treasury
Moved that the Parish Clerk hunt and locate all old records books and find a safe place to keep them, so voted, voted that the matter of renting the parsonage be left to the discretion of the Prudential Committee. Voted to adjourn without date,

Fred M. Lawrence Parish Clerk.

Warrant for a Special Parish Meeting.

Hampden, S.S. To Fred N. Laurence clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society Brimfield, Mass.

Greetings In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass. you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Fri. Dec. 6. 1929 at 7.30 P.M.
To act on the following Articles.

— Viz —

Article I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article II. To hear and act on a report from the Church in regard to extending a call to Rev. Randolph Hill to become Pastor for one year.

Article III. To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interests of the Parish may require

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting House, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, Hereof fail not and make due returns of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of said Meeting.
Given under our hands this 29 day of Nov. 1929,

Wallace T. Moore
Mrs. M. E. Streeter
Clarence E. Brown
William J. Spooner
Charles W. Wheeler.
} Prudential Committee.

I have served this Warrant as there in directed
A true copy attest,
Fred N. Laurence, Parish Clerk.

Special Meeting Dec. 6. 1929

meeting called to order at 7.30 P.M. Dec. 6. 1929,
C. B. Brown Elected moderator. Under Article II.
it was voted, that the Parish Concur with the Church
in extending a Call to Rev. Randolph Hill to be Pastor
for one year, beginning Dec. 1, 1929. at a salary of $1,500.
without the Parsonage - Under article III Voted
that the Wilbur & Southbridge Gas & Electric Co be given
permission to stretch wires across the parsonage property
without setting any poles Voted that a Committee
of three be elected, to investigate and report at the
Annual meeting the cost and advisability of putting
in a water system and bath room in the Parsonage.
Committee elected C. B. Brown. C. W. Bacon. and
N. T. Spooner - Moved to adjourn -

F. N. Lawrence, Parish Clerk -

1930

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting.

Hampden. S.S.

To Fred N. Lawrence Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield.

Greeting -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in said Brimfield on the 3rd day of Jan. 1930 at 7.30 o'clock to act on the following articles.

— O R —

Article I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

Art. II. To hear and act on the reports of the Officers, Prudential Committee and any other Committee heretofore choosen,

Art. III. To choose all necessary Parish officers and also choose Committees or Agents the business of the Parish may require,

Art. IV. To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support & lodging, payment of debts, repairs of Parsonage buildings and determine what method, shall be adopted to secure the same,

1930
Warrant Continued

Art. V, To hear, and act on any applications for membership to the Parish, should any be presented,

Art VI To do any other business necessary and proper to be done, that the interests of the Parish may require,

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested Copy of the same at the Meeting house, seven days, at least before the time of holding said meeting, hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to me, at time and place of said Meeting

Examined and sealed this 27th day of Dec. A.D. 1929

W.T. Moore
M.C. Streeter
C.B. Brown
W.S. Spooner
C.W. Wheeler
} Prudential Committee

I have served the above Warrant as therein directed, & true copy attest —
Fred M. Laurence Parish Clerk

1930

Annual meeting met at 7.30 Jan. 3, 1930
C.B. Brown elected Moderator
W.S. Spooner appointed Clerk pro tem
Reports Reports of annual & special meetings read by clerk and approved. Reports of Treas & Auditor read and accepted and adopted. Voted to buy a N.E. Power Association 1000 Bond due 1945, Prudential Committee report read and accepted. Special Com. on purchasing a water system and water, reported, voted to continue the same, and that they get prices on specifications already submitted and report later. Officers elected as follows
Clerk F.M. Laurence, C.B. Brown Treas
W.S. Spooner Auditor, Prudential Com. Mrs M.C. Streeter
W.T. Moore, C.W. Wheeler, W.S. Spooner, C.B. Brown.
Appropriations $1500, to pay salary of pastor, $150, salary of organist $150, for music
$150 for janitor, all other bills to be approved by majority of Prudential Committee first of Treas, voted to adjourn to Mon. Jan 13, 1930 at 7.30
W.S. Spooner Clerk pro tem

Adjourned Annual meeting called to order by C.B. Brown - moderator at 7.30 P.M. Jan 18, 1930, W.S. Spooner elected clerk pro tem. Bids were submitted by the Com. on water system for parsonage, voted to give the contract to Wm. Fisher of Palmer for $492.00 Voted to pay for laundering the collar of the choir girls & boys. Voted to adjourn.

W. S. Spooner Clerk. Pro-tem.

Warrant for a Special Parish Meeting.

Hampden, S.S.

To Fred N. Lawrence Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society, Brimfield, Mass. -

Greeting: In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish hall in said Brimfield on ~~Wed.~~ Mary Feb. 3 1930 at 7.30 P.M. to act on the following articles,

— Viz —

Article I, To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

" II, To see if the Parish will concur with the Church in regards to installing a new Pipe Organ in the Church, Act or do any thing relative thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Meeting House, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to me at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 27th day of Jan, 1930

Wallace P. Moore
Clarance H. Brown
Martha E. Streeter
William T. Spooner
} Trustees
Committee

I have served this Warrant as therein directed a Changed copy attest.

Fred N. Lawrence
Parish Clerk

Special Meeting 1930

Meeting called to order at 7.30 P.M., Feb. 3, 1930,
C. V. Brown elected moderator.
Letter read from C. V. Brown wishing to withdraw his name as a member of the Society voted to lay it upon the table until the next meeting.
Mr. Carl V. Brown reported for the Com. on organ fund.
Voted The Parish instruct the organ at once and the Financial Com. or the Committee to carry out this vote, voted that the Treas. be authorized to sign notes with the consent of the Financial Com., voted that in addition to the Organ Com. of the Church, Mrs. M. C. Tarbell & Mr. Randolph Hill be added to this Committee to raise funds.
Voted to adjourn
F. N. Lawrence Parish Clerk.

Warrant for a Special Parish Meeting.

Hampden S.S. To Fred N. Lawrence Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society Springfield, Mass.

Greeting — In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass. you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet this parish vote in said Springfield on Fri., Nov. 7, 1930 at 7.30 P.M., to act on the following articles,
— Viz —
Article I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting
" II. To see if the members of the Parish will vote to redecorate the Church Auditorium or act in any way thereto.
" III. To see if we shall drop from the roll members who have requested there names be stricken off.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Mailing House, Seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, near to fail not and make due return of this Warrant

with your doings there on to us, at the time and place of said Meeting.
Given under our hands this 6th day of March in the year 1930 A.D.

W P Moore
M.E. Streeter
C.W. Whitten
C.B. Brown
} Prudential Committee.

I have served this Warrant as there in directed,
A true copy attest,
Fred N. Laurence Parish Clerk

The Special meeting of the Parish was called to order by Mr C.B. Brown at 8 P.M March 14 1930. In the absence of the Clerk, C.B. Brown was chosen Moderator and Mrs M.E. Streeter Clerk, pro-tem
Under article II. after a full explanation by Mr C.B. Brown and Mr. Hill, It was voted that the Parish consent to the decoration of the Auditorium, the cost to be taken care of in connection with the Canvass for organ fund, and voted that the oversight of the redecorating and alterations be left in the care of the Prudential Com, and Organ Com.
Article III. Mr Albert R Brown request to be dropped from the roll was granted,
Voted to adjourn to three weeks from Mar 14, 1930
M.E. Streeter Clerk pro-tem,

The adjourned Parish Meeting was held in the Church parlor on the Evening of April 7, at 8 P.M. C.B. Brown called to order. Mrs Streeter read minutes of present meeting and were approved as read, Letters read from Mrs Della Fisher and Sadie Wetherby requesting dismissal from the Parish ~~read~~, It was Voted that Com be appointed to confer with them and see them, to reconsider their request.
Mr. Spooner & Mr Cardwell were appointed the Com
Voted that the expense on heat and table decorating ~~and~~ furnishing be paid from funds raised for decorating. Voted to adjourn, M.E. Streeter Clerk Pro-tem

Warrant for a Special Parish Meeting

Hampden, S.S.

To Fred H. Lawrence, Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society, greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass., you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in South Wilbraham, on Thursday, Sept. 20 1934 at 8 P.M. to act on the following articles,

Article I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

" II. To see if the Parish will install lighting rods on the Church building, or act thereon —

" III. To see if the Parish will have the 2 trees that are near the Church building, and dying, removed.

" IV To do any other business necessary and fitting to be done that the interests of the Parish may require.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Parish House, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, hereby fail not and make due return of this Warrant to — together with your doings thereon — at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 18th, day of Sept, 1934

Wallace V. Morse
Martha E. Streeter
Lorenzo B. Brown
Chas. W. Wheeler
William D. Spooner

Prudential Committee.

I have served the above Warrant, as therein directed, Attest copy attest,

Fred H. Lawrence, Cons. Clk.

Special Parish held Sept. 25, 1930,

Meeting called to order and prayer read by [illegible]
the Clerk being absent, G.V. [illegible] moved
and Mrs M.E. Streeter Clerk pro-tem,
Under Article 4, it was voted to have the [illegible]
immediately installed, and [illegible]
installing the same for self [illegible]
Prudential Committee, Voted to have the 2 dead
trees removed from the Church Lawn. Under
Article 11, the renting of the Parsonage was discussed
and voted to leave in [illegible] hands of Prudential
Committee. Voted to recess for [illegible],

M.E. Streeter Clerk pro-tem,

1931

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting.

Hampden, S.S. To Fred N. Laurence Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society, Springfield, Mass,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish hall in said Springfield, on Wed. Jan. 7, 1931, at 7.30 P.M. to act on the following articles, viz:

Article I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting,

" II. To hear and act on reports of the Officers Prudential Committee, and any other Committees here to fore chosen.

" III. To choose all necessary Parish Officers, and also choose any Committees or agents the business of the Parish may require.

" IV. To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of Singing, payment of debts, repairs of Parish buildings, and determining what methods shall be adopted to secure the same.

" V. To hear and act on any applications for membership to the Parish should any be presented.

" VI. To do any other business, necessary and proper to be done, that the interests of the Parish may require.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same in the meeting House, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to us at time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 31st day Dec, 1930

William F. Moore
Matthew Streeter
Chas W. Wheeler
William F. Spooner
C. B. Brown

Prudential Committee

I have served this above Warrant as there in directed, in true copy attest, F. N. Laurence Parish Clerk

The Annual meeting called to order at 7.45 PM Jan. 7, 1931. W. S. Spooner was elected moderator. Report of Sect. read for the last two annual meetings and accepted, C. B. Brown Treas., read his report also gave report on the organ fund moved to accepted and adopted, also auditor report adopted. Financial Committee's report of its Sect, read by C. B. Brown. Moved to be accepted with correction. The following officers were then elected: Clerk, E. N. Lawrence, Treas. C. B. Brown - Auditor, W. S. Spooner, Musical Committee, Martha E. Streeter, W. P. Moore, W. S. Spooner, C. B. Brown & C. W. Wheeler, Under Article IV, Voted Madame Sun as soloist for Sundays. Voted, $150, for organist, $150, for janitor, $50.00 for music, Voted that these bills be paid from the income of invested funds & other with funds turned over by the Church. Moved & voted that the Treas. be empowered and assume on behalf of the church an installment - a - [illegible] - Voted, adjourned at 8.45 - 4. Moved & voted that the Treas. purchase 2 new Record books one for Clerk & one for Treas - Moved & voted to increase the insurance on the parsonage by $1000, Voted a committee of 3 be elected to confer with other committees appointed by the town in regard to a bus on our two centrals, Com. Miss M. A. Tarbell, W. S. Spooner & C. B. Brown. Voted that all expenses be paid in full. Nominating Com. Voted that we express our thanks to the Hancock Coal Co. & Farrar & Trow Coal for prompt service rendered to us during the year.

E. N. Lawrence Parish Clerk -

1931

Warrant for a Special Parish Meeting.

Hampden S.S. To Fred N. Laurence Parish Clerk.
of the First Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield.

Greeting - In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass. you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Wed. Sept 30th 1931 at 7.30 P.M. to act on the following articles,
— Viz —

Article I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

" II. To see if the members will authorize the Prudential Com. to repair the roof and chimney of the parsonage building,

" III. To do any other business that may come legally before this meeting,

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the Pratt House, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, here of fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us at the time and place of said Meeting.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of Sept, 1931

W. P. Moore
C. B. Brown
William S. Spooner
C. W. Wheeler
Martha S. Streeter
} Prudential Committee

I have served this Warrant as here in directed
a true copy attest. Fred N. Laurence Clerk.

The Special meeting was called to order at 8.15 PM Sept. 30, 1931. C. B. Brown elected Moderator

Under Article I moved and voted that the Prudential Committee repair the roof and chimney on the parsonage at the least expence at present.

Moved to adjourn without date

F. N. Laurence, Parish Clerk.

Warrant for a Special Parish Meeting 1931

To Fred N. Lawrence Parish Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society, Bringfield, Mass.,

Greetings - In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass., you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society, qualified in Parishes, in said Bringfield on Mon. Dec 14th 1931 at 7.30 P.M., to act on the following Articles,

Article I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

" II To see if the Parish will vote to concur with the Church in extending a call to the Rev. B.H. Matthews to be our Pastor for next year.

" III To do any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the meeting house, Somerville St. at least seven days before said meeting, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time of said Meeting.

Given under our hand this 7th day Dec. 1931,

W. P. Moore
C. B. Brown
W. G. Shuster
L. W. Wheeler
} Prudential Committee.

A true copy attest F. N. Lawrence, Clerk.

Special meeting called to order by W. P. Moore at 7.15 P.M. Dec. 14 1931. Mr. C. B. Brown was chosen Moderator & Mr. F. N. Lawrence, Clerk, pro tem. Under article II, it was voted to extend a call to Mr. Matthews to come as Pastor for one year. Voted that Clerk be F. N. Lawrence notify Mr. Goodwin, in writing that the funds will be needed Feb. 1. 1932.

Voted to adjourn. Respectfully
W. G. Shuster Clerk
Pro-Tem.

1932

Warrant for Annual Parish Meeting

Hampden, ss. To Fred M. Lawrence Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society, Brimfield, Mass.

Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Thursday June 9, 1932 at 7.30 P.M. to act on the following Articles.

— Viz —

Article I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

" II. To hear and act, on the reports of the Officers, Prudential Committee and by the Committees heretofore chosen

" III. To choose necessary Parish Officers and also choose any committee or agents the business of the Parish may require.

" IV. To raise and appropriate money for the Salary of Pastor, support of singing, payments of debts, repairs of Parish buildings, and determine what methods shall be adopted to secure the same.

" V. To hear and act on any applications for membership to the Parish, should any be presented.

" VI. To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interests of the Parish may require.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same in the Western Post Office, seven days at least before the time of said meeting, and have you then and there notified and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us at time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 31st day of Dec 1931

W. P. Moore
C. E. Brown
Martha E. Streeter
Chas W. Wheeler
William D. Spooner
} Prudential Committee

Have served the above Warrant as there in directed, attest Fred M. Lawrence
Parish Clerk

Annual Meeting called to order at 8 P.M.
Jan. 7th, 1932. C.B. Brown was elected moderator.
Report of the Clerk, read and adopted.
Town Report read, other reports were read,
which had been placed in the hands of the
Auditors read in regular order, the
report of the Committee read and adopted in the order —
The following officers were then elected.
F.N. Lawrence, Clerk, C.B. Brown, Town, T.S. Brown
Auditor, Prudential Com, N.T. Shaw, C.A. Hale,
M.E. Street, T.P. Moore, & C.B. Brown —
Under Article 12, it was voted that we appropriate the use of the Passenger and $1,200, for the salary of Tector, voted to pay the regular salary of $1,00, and authorize the Selectmen, voted that the janitor salary be $1,50, as last year. Voted the use of the accumulated interest on the Corbin fund to go toward paying Mr. Sutliffe's hospital expenses of Charles —
Moved that the repairs needed on the school house in the hands of the Selectmen Committee under article 17, passed yes —
Under Article 11, it was voted to pay expense of moving and storing the house of the Tector from Palmer to and the passenger —
Voted that the sum of $100, be used, with the consent of the Prudential Com. — Moved to pay on the electric outlets and in the Passenger by Mr. Goodale, Moved that the use of the Passenger for the remainder of the Winter be left with the Sup. and Mr. G. —
Moved to adjourn,

Fred N. Lawrence
Parish Clerk —

1933.

Warrant for the Annual Parish Meeting

Hampden, ss. To Fred N. Lawrence Clerk of the first Parish or Congregational Society, Brimfield, Mass,

— Greeting: —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass. You are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Sat. Jan. 7, 1933, at 7.30 P.M. to act on the following articles,

Article I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting

" II. To hear and act on the reports of Officers, Prudential Committee, and any other committee here to fore choosen.

" III. To choose all necessary Parish Officers & Committee

" IV. To Raise and appropriate money for the Salary of the Pastor, Support of Singing, payment of debts, repairs on Parish buildings, and determine what methods shall be adopted to secure the same

" V. To hear or act on any application for membership to the Parish, should any be presented,

" VI. To do any other business necessary and proper to be done, that the interests of the Parish may require

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same in the Meeting House, seven days at least, before the time of holding said Meeting, Hear of fail not and make due returns of this Warrant, with your doings there on to us at time and place of said Meeting.

Given under our hands this 31th day of Dec, 1932

Wallace P. Moore
Martha E. Streeter
Clarence B Brown
William D Spooner
} Parish Prudential Committee.

I have served the above Warrant as therein directed, A true Copy Attest, Fred N. Lawrence
Parish Clerk,

Annual Meeting called to order at 8 P.M. Jan. 7, 1933.
C. B. Brown was elected Moderator, The report of Clerk read and adopted, Treas. gave his report and also reported for the organ fund account, voted to accept the same, Auditor reported all accounts correct, Report of the Prudential Committee read by the Sect. Mrs. Stretch, moved to accept the same.
Under Article III, the following officers were chosen
Clerk, F. N. Laurence, Treas C. B. Brown —
Auditor W. S. Spooner, Prudential Committee
W. P. Moore, W. J. Spooner, Martha C. Stretch C. B. Brown
and C. W. Wheeler, Article V, was taken up —
Voted to concure with the Church in raising the money to pay expenses for the coming year and that the pastors Salary be $1,600. and use of the Parsonage — and also moved & voted that the Prudential Committee and the Standing Committee of the Church confer with the Pastor in regard to the same,
Moved & voted that we appropriate $160, for organist & music,
voted that the janitor receive $150. as last year —
Moved and voted that all necessary repairs be left in hand of the Prudential Committee, Action under article V, passed over — Under article VI, moved and voted that the Treas. may borrow to $200. if found necessary with the consent of the Prudential Committee
voted to adjourn

Fred N. Laurence Parish Clerk

1934

Warrant for the annual Parish Meeting.

Hampden, s.s. To Fred N. Lawrence Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society, Brimfield, Mass.

Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall, in said Brimfield on Sat, Jan. 6, 1934, at 7.30 P.M. to act on the following articles,

— Viz —

Article I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting,

" II, To hear and act on the reports of the Officers, Prudential Committee and any other Committees here to fore Chosen

" III, To choose all necessary Parish Officers and Committees,

" IV, To raise and appropriate money for the Salary of Pastor, Support of Singing, payment of debts, Repairs on Parish buildings, and determine what methods shall be adopted to secure the same,

" V, To hear and act on any application for membership in the Parish, should any be presented,

" VI, To take any action in regard to disposing of the remaining "Horse sheds"

" VII To do any other business necessary and proper to be done at this meeting as the interests of the Parish may require,

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same in the Meeting House, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us, at time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 29th day of Dec. 1933

W. J. Moore
M. E. Streeter
Clarence E. Brown
} Prudential Committee

A true copy of the above Warrant, as duly posted, attest,

Fred N. Lawrence
Parish Clerk.

Annual Meeting called to order at 7.30 P.M. Jan 6 1934.
Clarance B. Brown elected moderator, Clerk read of the last annual meeting read and accepted, and gave his report. Voted to accept the same being audited by the Auditor - as correct also report on the organ fund. Moved that the organ account be combined with the general funds, so voted, and moved to accept the Trustees and Committee report read by the Sect. Mrs Spencer Voted to accept the same - The following officers elected, F. N. Lawrence Clerk, C. B. Brown Treas. W. S. Spencer Auditor, Prudential Committee, N. J. Moore Mrs. H. E. Shuster, C. B. Brown, G. W. Wheeler, and W. S. Spencer, Choir IV. Voted that the salary of Pastor be $700, and use of the parsonage, Voted that the Organist salary be $100, and $50.00 to be contributed by a - named party, Voted that the pastor be paid 150.00 his salary last year - Voted that the raising of more than for the living expenses of the parish be left with the Prudential Committee and concurrence with the Church to gather with the interest of the invested funds, Voted to renew the note at Bangor 150.00 and 50.00,
Four applications for membership were received under Article V, Under Article VI, a Committee composed of W. S. Spencer, R. C. Campbell, & C. D. Kimball were elected to look into the matter of putting a chain fence on the land on which the horse sheds stand and report at the next meeting, Voted under Article VII, to consult with the Standing Committee of the Church, in regard to holding some of the church services down stairs when it is very cold weather, Voted that the matter of holding the evening meeting at the vestry be left in the hands of the Prudential Committee, Voted to adjourn to Jan. 27, at 7.30 P.M.

F. N. Lawrence Parish Clerk -

Jan 27, 34 Adjourned meeting called to order at 7.50 P.M.
Report of Com. on disposal of the horse shed approved and the Com. continued to see if the sheds could be sold, Stanley L. Campbell, Percy N. Moore, Everett [illegible] and Fred B. Stang were elected members of

Jan 27, 1934 Adjourned meeting Continued
the Parish by unanimous votes.
Prudential Committee reported that they
were holding the evening meetings at the
Parsonage. Voted to buy 1 ton of coal for
use of the pastor at the Parsonage -
Voted to adjourn at the call of the Clerk -
F. N. Lawrence Parish Clerk -

April 14, 1934 An adjourned meeting of the First
Parish was called to order by the moderator
O. B. Brown at 7.45 P.M Sat. April 14, 1934.
Report of the Committee on deposal of the
"horse sheds" given by Mr. W. S. Sprooner -
moved and voted that the South row of sheds
be sold for $25.00 to Orlo P. Parker, if he will
grade off the land and put up a suitable
fence on the South side of the lot. And the
North row of sheds to Parker Farms Inc. for
$25.00. everything to be cleaned up satisfactory
to the Committee. The money so received to be used
toward last years taxes. Moved that the
matter of sale or deposal of the Parsonage be
left with the same Comm - Moved that the
Trea. make application for exemption of taxes
on parsonage because of holding religious
meetings there. Voted to donate 3 oil lamps
to F. F. Lawrence - Moved that we
adjourn to the Call of the Clerk -
F. N. Lawrence Parish Clerk,

Warrant for the Annual Parish Meeting,

Hampden S.S. To Fred N. Lawrence Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield, Mass.

— Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass. you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Mon'day 7th, 1935, at 7.30 P.M. to act on the following articles, viz

Article I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting,

" II. To hear and act on the reports of the Officers, Prudential Committee and any other Committees heretofore chosen,

" III. To choose all necessary Parish Officers & Committees,

" IV. To raise and appropriate money for the salary of Pastor, support of Singing, organ music, payment of debts, repairs on buildings, and determine what methods shall be adopted to secure the same,

" V. To hear and act on any applications for membership in the Parish, should any be presented,

" VI. To do any other business necessary and proper to be done that the interests of the Parish may require,

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same in the meeting House, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, hereof fail not and make due return at time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 31st day of Dec. 1934.

Wallace F. Moore
Clarence B. Brown
William J. Spooner
Martha E. Shedd
} Prudential Committee

I have served the above Warrant as therein directed. A true copy attest,

Fred N. Lawrence
Parish Clerk.

1935

Annual Meeting called to order at 7.45 p.m. Jan. 7, 1935. Robert L. Streeter Elected Moderator, Records of the last annual meeting and adjourned meetings read and accepted, Treas gave his report and then read for report of Treas, accounts correct and voted to accept and adopt the same, Mrs Streeter said the Prudential Com. had done no business. The Com on disposal of the "horse-shed" reported and voted to continue the same, and the Com. may sell the So. row of shed on the same terms 60 days from date if Mr. L. Tucker does not pay for them and take them away. The following Officers were then elected. Clerk Fred N. Laurence, Treas C.B. Brown, Auditor W.S. Sprouse, Prudential Committee W.P. Moore, C.B. Brown, Mrs M.E. Streeter, C.W. Wheeler, & W.D. Sprouse, Under Article IV. voted that the Salary of Pastor be continued the same, $1000, and use of the Parsonage, Organist receive $150. and $70 for Music Janitor to receive the same $150, Moved & voted that the Treas may reinvest any bonds coming due this year with the consent of the Prudential Committee, Voted it be left with the Prudential Comit to see about giving the Pastor & wife a party and solicit funds to give them, Voted that the Treas may borrow up to $100.00 addional with the consent of the Prudential Com - Voted that the Clerk have an article placed in the warrant for the annual Town Meeting asking the Town to ~~at~~ Exempt the tax on the parsonage, Voted to adjourn

F. N. Laurence Parish Clerk.

1936

Warrant for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Hampden S.S. To Fred N. Lawrence, Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield, Mass.

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass. you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall, in said Brimfield, on Wed, Jan. 8, 1936 at 7.30 P.M. to act on the following Articles,

— Viz —

Article I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting,
" II. To hear and act on the reports of the Officers, Prudential Com, and any other Committees heretofore chosen
" III. To choose all necessary Parish Officers and Committees,
" IV. To raise and appropriate money for the salary of the Pastor, Support of Singing and music, payment of debts, repairs on buildings, and determining the methods shall be adopted to secure the same,
" V. To hear and act on any application for membership to the Parish, should any be presented,
" VI. To do any other business, necessary and proper to be done that the interests of the Parish may require,

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same in the Meeting House, seven days, at least before the time of holding said meeting, hereof fail not and make due returns at time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, this 1st. day of Jan, 1936

Wallace P. Moore
Chas W. Wheeler
Clarence B Brown
Martha E. Stretter
William D. Spooner
} Prudential Committee

I have served the above warrant as there in directed. A true copy attest.

Fred N. Lawrence
Parish Clerk.

1936

The Annual meeting was called to order at 8 P.M. Jan. 8. 1936.
C.B. Brown elected moderator
Clerk read the report of the last annual meeting; voted to adopt the same.
Treas. gave his report also the Auditor, Voted to accept and adopt the same.
Prudential Com. report read by W.P. Moore, Chairman voted to adopt the same.
The following Officers were then elected.
Clerk Fred M. Lawrence. Treas Clarence B Brown. Auditor William S. Spooner, Prudential Comm'l. W.P. Moore, Mrs Martha E. Streeter. C.W. Wheeler. C.B. Brown, & W.D. Spooner.
Under Article IV. Voted that the Salaries be the same as last year $1000, for the Pastor & parsonage $150, for organist $75 for music & ushers $150, Money to be raised by the church Committee with interest of the invested funds, to be spent by the co-operation with the Prudential Com. under the budget system, Under article V, 2 names were presented for membership. Roe. S. Clark, & J. Clifford Shaw.
Article VI. Moved and voted a Committee of 2 be appointed by the chair to Co-operate with a Committee appointed by the Church to advise and plan a united Parish and church membership and to revise the by-law of the Parish to conform with the same. W.S Spooner and Miss Gladys Campbell was the Com appointed,
Voted to adjourn.

Fred M. Lawrence
Parish Clerk.

Warrant for a Special Parish Meeting.

Hampden S.S.

To Fred N. Lawrence Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield, Mass.

Greetings.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass. you here by directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Monday, Aug. 31 1936 at 7 P.M. to act on the following articles.

— Viz —

article I. To choose a modivator to preside at said meeting.

article II. To hear and act on the report of the Committee Appointed at the last annual meeting, that was to Co-operate with a Committee appointed by the Church, to plan a united Parish and Church Society.

article III. To act on applications for membership, recived at the last meeting.

And you are here by directed to serve this Warrant, by posting an atteslied copy of the Same in the Meeting House, Seven days at least before thime of holding said meeting, hear of fail not and make due returns at time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 24th day of Aug. 1936

Wallace P. Moore
Clarance B. Brown
William D. Spooner
C. W. Wheeler

Prudential Committee

I have served the above Warrant, as there in directed.

A true Copy attest.
Fred N. Lawrence
Parish Clerk.

1936

Report of the Special Parish Meeting held at Parish Hall on Aug 31, 1936. Called to order at 7.25 P.M. Robert Streeter elected moderator.
Under Article II, Mr Spooner reported for the Com. and offered the following Motion,
"That the First Parish or Congregational Society hereby authorize, its Prudential Committee to transfer forthwith to the First Congregational Church of Brimfield, Mass, All its real Estate, bonds, stocks and bank deposits, all personal Equipment, in fact every item of property its owns or holds in trust. And the above named Parish hereby transfers to said incorporated Church all its debts, and all its obligations of any nature, including the conditions under which any gifts have been left to said Parish. This action to be conditional upon the acceptance of the fore said property, debts, and obligations, by the First Congregational Society of Brimfield" (So Voted)
It was Moved and voted, and that F. N. Laurence take the place of Mr Streeter,
Moved and voted, — That Wallace P. Moore, C. B. Brown, Wm. D. Spooner, C. W. Wheeler & F. N. Laurence be Constituted a special committee for the following ~~propo~~ purpose: — "Whereas it is the desire of this Society that any and all real and personal or interests therein which may hereafter become vested in it, or which it may hereafter acquire by grant, devise, bequest or in any other manner, be transfered to the First Congregational Church, and be held and administered by it so far as practicable in like manner as if the same had been given or granted to said Church in the first instance.
Said Committee is hereby authorized and instructed upon this Society's acquiring any such property or becoming vested therewith at any time in the future, immediately to transfer and convey such property to the First Congregational Church to be held by it as nearly as may be upon and subject to the same trusts, limitations, conditions and provisions upon and subject to which said property

would be held by this Society if it were not transferred. Said Committee is authorized to sign, seal, acknowledge and deliver in behalf of this Society, any and all deeds or other instruments which may be necessary or appropriate to effect any such transfer.
In case of the death of one or more members of said Committee, the survivor or survivors shall enjoy all of the powers of the full Committee and the action of a majority of the persons constituting the Committee at any time shall be effectual for all purposes as the action of the Committee."

Under Article III, J. Clyford Shaw and Roz. S. Clark were voted in as members of this Society.

Moved to adjourn is the call of the Clerk.

Fred N. Lawrence Parish Clerk.

1937

Warrant for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Hampden ss.

To Fred N. Laurence Clerk of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Mass. you are hereby directed to notify and warn the members of said Society to meet in Parish Hall in said Brimfield on Thursday Jan 7. 1937 at 7.30 P.M. to act on the following articles.

Article I. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting,

Article II. To hear and act on the reports of the Officers, Prudential Committee and other Committees heretofore Chosen

Article III. To choose all necessary Parish Officers & Committees,

Article IV. To do any other business, necessary and proper to be done, that the interests of the Parish may require,

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant, by posting an attested copy of the same in the Meeting House seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, hereof fail not and make due returns at time and place of said meeting,

Given under our hands this 31st day of December, 1936,

Wallace T. Moore
Clarence B. Brown
Charles N. Wheeler
F. N. Laurence

Prudential Committee

I have served the above Warrant as there in directed, A true copy attest.
Fred N. Laurence
Parish Clerk,

The annual meeting was called to order by F. N. Lawrence Clerk of the First Parish at 7.30 P.M. Jan. 7, 1937.

Clarance B. Brown Elected moderator,
The report of the last annual meeting and a special meeting held on Aug 31. 1936 read by the Clerk and voted to accept and adopt the same -
A summary of the Treas report given and also the Auditor and voted except the same -
The Prudential Committees report read, accepted -
Under article III. It was voted to continue the Same officers and committees indefinitly or untill the business of the Parish may be finished.
Under Article IV, The following communication was read and ordered spread upon the records -
" At the Church meeting held (Oct. 4. 36) at the close of the morning services the following was presented and voted upon. Congregational
Moved. 1st That the First Church Inc. of Brimfield Mass. accept, and by this action does accept all the property of what ever kind and nature of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield.
2nd. That said incorpated Church assume all debts, or financial obligations of said Parish.
3rd. That said incorpated Church pledge itself to administer all bequests made over to it by Said Parish at any date, in full accord with the conditions under which said bequests were made to said Parish.
4th. That said incorpated Church treat the history of said Parish as part of its own history and that all of the records be preserved with the records of the Church.
5. That said incorpated Church authorize its duly elected Trustees to forthwith complete negotiations with the Committee of said Parish as above set forth" These are the motions as voted.

Gladys H. Campbell, Clerk.

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Report of Annual Meeting continued

Moved that we accept as an obligation of the Parish to put up a fence on the "horse shed" lot on the So side of C. P. Parker does not do so as was specified in the Sale of the Sheds. So Voted,

Moved & Voted that the by laws calling the Annual Meeting be amended so as to read. that any meeting can be called by the Prudential Committee.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. W. S Shower

That the members of the Parish, assembled in doubtless its last meeting, unanimously desire to record the fact that its action in turning over its duties, responsibilities, assets and real estate to the newly incorporated Church, of which most of us are Members, is not because of any inefficiency or incompatibility, or any other fault, of its Officers or Committees,

That the Parish further wishes to express its appreciation for the splendid work of its Treasurer who for a period of twenty years, ~~also for~~ has so faithfully and efficiently done the work and borne the burdens of this important office.

That the Parish would also like to record words of appreciation of the ability and faithfulness of all its officers and committees that have so faithfully and efficiently and unselfishly attended to the business of the parish,

That the Parish further regards it only right and proper, in fact the least it should do, to adopt the above three words of commendation and appreciation and shed them, as a token to the efficiency and faithfulness of its Officers and Committees, on last recorded page of its active existence.

This resolution was unanimously voted,

Moved to adjourn without date.

A true record attest.

Fred N. Larosee
Parish Clerk.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Be it Known *That whereas the resident members of* the

First Congregational Church of Brimfield

of twenty-one years of age and upwards, have organized with the intention of forming a corporation under the name of

First Congregational Church of Brimfield,

for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the public worship of God, in accordance with the principles and doctrines of the "faith which our fathers confessed and which from age to age has found its expression in the historic creeds of the Church Universal and of the Congregational Fellowship;"

and have complied with the provisions of the Statutes of this Commonwealth in such case made and provided, as appears from the certificate of the

Standing Committee

of said corporation, duly approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, and recorded in this office:

Now, therefore, I, FREDERIC W. COOK, *Secretary of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,* **Do Hereby Certify** *that the resident members of* the

First Congregational Church of Brimfield

of twenty-one years of age and upwards, their associates and successors, are legally organized and established as, and are hereby made, an existing corporation as of May 25, 1936 *under the name of*

First Congregational Church of Brimfield,

with the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties and restrictions, which by law appertain thereto.

Witness *my official signature hereunto subscribed, and the Great Seal of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereunto affixed, this* second *day of* June *in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and* thirty-six.

F. W. Cook

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

By Laws

Of The First Parish or Congregational Society Of Brimfield

Article 1st — **Name**

This Society shall be known as the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield

Article 2 — **Officers**

The Officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor, and a Parish or Prudential Committee, five-men, who shall be chosen by ballot at each Annual Meeting by a Majority Vote.

Article 3d — **Duties of Officers**

Moderator

A Moderator shall be elected to preside over all regularly called meetings, except meetings which may have been adjourned. In the absence of said Moderator one may be chosen pro tempore, and may have all the authority and power which the Statute Laws confer on a Moderator.

Article 4 — **Duties of Clerk**

The Clerk shall make and keep a complete record of all the doings of the Parish in a Book, with names of all members, and perform the duties required of him by the Parish Committee or by vote of the Parish.

Article 5 — **Duties of the Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall have the care of all Monies belonging to the Parish and such as shall be paid to the Treasurer from time to time for the use of the Parish.

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By Laws Continued

and shall pay the same for such expenses of the Parish as the Prudential Committee or the Parish may authorize, and keep a careful record of the same and make a report at each annual meeting, or whenever called upon by the Parish or the Prudential Committee and shall have authority to sell, transfer or reinvest the permanent funds and securities held by the Parish, only on the advice and consent of the Prudential Committee, or vote of the Parish.

Article 6th Duties of the Collector

It shall be the duty of the Collector to collect subscriptions for the expenses of the Parish and assist the Treasurer in such ways as may be helpful and desired. There shall be a Committee to solicit funds, of which the Collector shall be one.

Article 7th Duties of the Auditor

The Auditor shall examine the Treasurers books and accounts, and the securities held by the Parish, and the recommendations voted the Auditor as recorded on page 328 of the records, and perform any duties legally belonging to an Auditor and report at the annual meeting.

Article 8th Admission of Members

Mail or Female

Any person over 21 years of age may be admitted to the Parish by a written application presented by the Clerk or Prudential Committee on or before any legally called meeting, but action shall not be taken until an adjourned or subsequent meeting, an Article being in the Warrant authorizing such action. A two thirds vote of those present and voting shall be required for the admission of Members. Voting shall be by ballot.

Article 9th Dismission of Members

Members may be dropped from the roll upon their own request, or by a majority vote, an article authorizing such action being in the Warrant.

Article 10th The Prudential Committee

The Prudential Committee shall consist of five members, who shall have general charge of the financial affairs of the Parish, and all Parish property, and shall see that the Parish property is at all times properly cared for. They shall also have charge of the raising of money and such funds as are necessary for the support of the Church and Society. They shall generally perform such duties and shall have such powers as legally belong to such a Committee under the laws of the State. They shall have no power to buy, sell, mortgage or transfer any of the Parish property without a vote of the Parish. They shall record all their proceedings in a book which they shall keep for that purpose and shall present a written report at each annual meeting.

Article 11th Quorum

Five members shall be required to constitute a quorum to do any business in the Parish.

Article 12 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Parish shall be held during the first week in January of each year.

Article 13th Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by a petition of seven members of the Parish upon a written application to the Clerk.

Article 14 Change of By Laws

These By Laws may be altered or amended by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting at any annual Parish meeting an article having been inserted in the Warrant to that effect.

List of Members of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious worship in Brimfield April 21. 1879

Names	When Admitted	When & How Terminated
+ Henry F Brown	April 16. 1835	Died Jan 25" 1892
+ Newton S Hubbard	April 16. 1835	Died Feb 15 1897
+ Dauphin Brown		Died May 28, 1889
+ James S Blair		Died Feb 4" 1901
+ James T Brown		Died Sept 25" 1899
+ Marcus Hitchcock		Died Feb 23" 1897
+ Pliny F Spaulding		[illegible] July 1" [illegible]
+ Edward Bliss	Aug 25. 1865	Died [illegible] 1883
+ Wm H. Sherman	Oct. 17. 1870	Died Oct 17" 1870
+ Daniel L Griggs	Oct. 17. 1870	Died Sept 15" 1900
+ Miner H Corbin	Oct 17. 1870	Died Feb 13 1919
+ E W Norwood	May 17. 1873	By Certificate July 2. 1879
+ Edward B Brown	Mar. 10. 1874	Died April 21, 1927
+ Lucius A. Cutler	July 4. 1874	By Certificate Oct. 3. 1881
+ David W Jones	Apr. 21. 1879	Died March 20" 1917
+ John N Hubbard	Apr. 21. 1879	[illegible]
+ Charles A Homer	May 3. 1879	Died Jan 16 1892
+ Charles W. Foskett	May 3. 1879	Died Aug 27. 1879
+ Jonathan Emerson	May 3. 1879	" Feb. 3, 1891
+ Samuel H Brown	May 3. 1879	By Certificate April 29. 1880
+ Elisha C Marsh	May 3 1879	Died Oct 3 1894
2 Melvin Booth	Feby 1 1886	Died " 1935
+ George H Streeter	May 13, 1887	Died April 13" 1900
+ Lewis S Allen	" 16" 1891	Died Oct 29" 1914
+ [illegible] B Brown	" "	Died Jan 20 1911
+ Lucius [illegible]	" " "	Jan 6" 1909
3 George L Sigard	" " "	Died 1935
+ George A Furness	Jan 7" 1892	Removed from town
+ Edward B Allen	" 14" 1893	" " "
+ Herbert M. Corbin	May 1" 1897	" "
+ Milner B Booth	Jan 2" 1899	Died April 27" 1905
7 Frederick Bissell	" 7" 1902	
8 Clarence B Brown	" " "	
+ Gilbert L. Brown	" " "	Now Resident
+ Melvin H Robinson	Dec 1" 1909	Died
+ William F Bissell	Jan 8" 1912	Removed from town
9 Edward H. Davenport.	"	Died -

List of members Continued

Names	When Admitted	When & How Terminated
X10 Willis A. Webber	Jan 16th 191	~~Died~~ Removed from town
+ John H. Noyes	Jan 16th 1914	Died October 31st 1916
" Edward W. Fairfield	May 3 1913	[illegible]
12 Fred T. Parker.	Oct 15th 1914	Died 1934
13 Robert J. Streeter	" " "	
+ Charles M. Streeter	" " "	Died
14 Albert R. Brown	Dec 19th 1914	Resigned [illegible]
" Orrin Hicks	" " "	Died Dec. 5. 1927
16 William S. Spooner	" " "	
" Frederick N. Lawrence	Jan 6th 1915	
18 Bertie E. Campbell		
19 Charles H. Robinson	Dec 1, 17	Re[illegible]
20 Harry L. Norcross	"	Removed from town
Harry B. Landon	Jan 12th 1921	
Grace D. Landon	" " "	
Martha E. Streeter	" " "	Died,
Emma M. Brown	" " "	Died,
Lilla Webber	" " "	Died
Gladys Webber	" " "	Resigned from membership.
X Julia A. Hubbard	" " "	Died
Ruth H. Phillips	" " "	
Anna G. Lawrence	" " "	
Ethel B. Elder	" " "	
M. Anna Tarbell	" " "	Died
X Bertie A. Barnes	" " "	Removed from town
X Bertie J. Gray	" " "	" " "
Orra A. Parker	" " "	" " "
Wallace P. M[illegible]	[illegible] 3 1924	
William D. Spo[illegible]	" " "	
Edward Spooner	" [illegible] 1926	
Adelaide Knowlton	" 7, [illegible]	
Rev. J. Cecil Hayes	Mar 18 1927	Removed from town
Lillian E. Ames	" " "	Removed from town
Mrs F. E. Brown	" " "	" "
Stanley E. Howes	" " "	Removed from town
Ruth A. Howes	" " "	" " "
Harriet D. Prescott	" " "	Died.

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List of Members.

Name	When admitted			
Mrs Mary E Moore	May 18, 1927,			
Fred N. Creelman	May 13	1927.		Removed from town
Mrs F. N. Creelman.	"	"	"	" " "
Mrs Edna E. Keith	"	"	"	" " "
May E. Moore	"	"	"	
Miss A L. Spooner	Jan 6	1928,		
Mrs Flora De Forest	Mar 30	1928		
Mrs J. Cecil Hayes	"	"	"	Removed from town
Mr. Charles W Wheeler	"	"	"	
Mrs Charles W. Wheeler	"	"	"	
Mrs Harry Clarke	Jan 4	1929		
Raymond Clarke	"	"	"	
Mary E. Moore (Mrs Mary Wright)	"	"		Removed out of town
Alma W. Bissell	"	"	"	
Ruth Bissell	"	"	"	Died 1935
Gladys L. Campbell	Jan 27	1934		
Percy M. Moore	"	"	"	
Everett D. Landers	"	"	"	
Freda B. Singer	"	"	"	
J. Clifford Shaw	Aug 31	1936		
Roe S. Clark	"	"	"	

31 Members

The Funds of the First Parish or Congl. Society in Brimfield Massachusetts.

	$	¢	¢
Oregon Short Line 6 per ct Bond. One Share	1	0	0.00
Oregon Short Line R. R. Co 5 per ct. B	5	0	0.00
Union Pacific R. R. Co Common Stock Ten Shares at $100 each	1	0	0.00
Union Pacific R. R. Co One Share	1	0	0.00
Union Pacific Co 5 Shares common Stock at 100.00 each	5	0	0
The Richmond Topeka and Denver R. R. Co 5 Shares Par 100.00	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
R. [illegible] Topeka and Denver Common Capital Stock 100.00 each 10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Manhattan R. R. Co One Share .07 per ct	1	0	0.00
Interborough Metropolitan Co One Share	1	0	0.00
[illegible] Corporation Preferred Stock One Share .0	[illegible]	3	0.00
[illegible] States Corporation. Common Stock. Ten Shares at 82½	[illegible]	0	0.00
St Louis & Sanfrancisco R. R. First preferred Stock Two Shares	2	0	0.00
The Baltimore & Ohio. R. R. Co. Preferred Stock One Share	1	0	0.00
The Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co Common Stock Two Shares	2	0	0.00
The Calumet Mortgage Co 10 Shares at .06 per cent	1	0	0.00
" Butler Gas Light and Heating Co			
(70) One hundred & Seventy Shares @ 100.00 each	17	0	0.00
Eastern Consolidated Gas Comp	3	7	5.00
Monson Savings Bank $ 1000.00 Withdrawn for 4 Liberty Loan Gold Bond $ 100.00.00 Balance in Bank		3	6.01
Monson Savings Bank	1	0	3.01